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Two readers won £24,000 between them in The Times Portfolio competition at the weekend. The weekly prize of £20,000 went to Mr Kenneth Woodall, of Sedgley, near Dudley in the West Midlands. The daily prize (doubled to £4,000 because no one won on Friday) was won by Mr Thomas Vesey of Haughton Green, Denton, Manchester. Portfolio list, page 16; how to play, information service, back page.

Top Tories warn party over jobless

The Conservative Party faces serious reverses if it fails to combat unemployment, Mr Peter Walker, Secretary of State for Energy and Mr Edward Heath, the former Tory prime minister, said in weekend speeches. Mr Heath said many Tory MPs could be defeated at the next election **Page 2**

Biting increase

Many dental patients will pay most if not all of the cost of treatment as National Health Service charges rise from today **Page 3**

Athens threat

Large crowds in Athens yesterday cheered their new President, Mr Christos Sartzejakis, after his inauguration the night before. The opposition, which boycotted the ceremony, threatened to challenge him in the courts. **Page 8**

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Mr John Jolliffe, Librarian at the Bodleian, Oxford, died on Saturday aged 54 **Obituary, page 13**

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World trade will top $2,000 billion this year, surpassing the previous record of 1980, according to an official forecast **Page 17**

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Postal threat grows over plan for casual staff

By David Felton, Labour Correspondent

Serious disruption of mail services this week looks inevitable after the failure of last minute talks to break a negotiation deadlock between management and union officials on new working methods. The flash point in expected at 4pm today at the huge Mount Pleasant sorting office in central London.

At that time Post Office managers will instruct staff to operate a new sorting machine which the Union of Communication Workers instructed its members to "black" from midnight last night.

Managers are expected to suspend workers who refuse to use the machine which could provoke a walk out, with the dispute spreading rapidly to other London sorting offices.

About 30 per cent of the 44 million pieces of mail handled every day by the Post Office passes through London and the effects could start to be felt by tomorrow. Wider disruption is also looming with the management determined to start using extra part-time staff from this month without union agreement.

The issue of part-time working, which is seen as the crucial component in the management's package of efficiency improvements, has led to the closure of sorting offices in Bedford and Stevenage where staff walked out in protest at the management's initial plans to introduce about 1,000 part-time staff into 66 large sorting offices.

With little prospect of fresh negotiations between the Post Office and the union the stage looks set for a period of mail disruption which the two sides know will take place against a background of growing demands in the political arena for suspension of the Post Office's monopoly on mail deliveries.

Sir Ronald Dearing, Post Office chairman, said yesterday: "There comes a time when management has to say we have come to the end of the road and we shall now proceed by executive action".

Mr Alan Tuffin, the union's general secretary said: "The management seem hell-bent on causing disruption by saying we will do what we want no matter what the union thinks".

The Mount Pleasant sorting office, which employs 3,000 people, is the largest in Europe and handles 18 million items of mail every week. At the centre of the dispute is the optical character recognition machine, which can "read" printed envelopes, correct postcodes and print blue phosphorus dots used in later sorting procedures.

The machine can handle 30,000 letters a day, double the capacity of present machinery, and needs only two or three people to operate it compared with 15 on more conventional machines. It has been the subject of a 15-month experiment, which the management says is over, from today

That would lead to the loss of about 300 jobs, but the management has given a commitment that there will be no compulsory redundancies. Union officials in Mount Pleasant have been alerting their members to the likely need of a walkout today. The office handles all incoming overseas mail and mail deliveries in London and the Home Counties are also largely dependent on the office.

Sources believed that after spending years seeking to negotiate changes and failing, the management will adopt an aggressive stance and if necessary run the risk of a breakdown in the mail service

The main sticking point is the plan to increase the number of part-time workers from 8,500 to 20,000 as a means of reducing the Post Office's £200 million a year overtime bill by about £55 million. The extra staff would be used to cope with busy periods in mornings and early evenings which are largely covered at the moment by full-time workers doing overtime.

● The threatened disruption of postal services will lead to renewed pressure from Conservative MPs for an ending of the Post Office monopoly and for its early privatization (our Political Reporter writes).

Tory MPs are expected to press for an emergency Commons statement today. Mr Robert McCrindle, a senior backbencher, is to table questions to Mr Norman Tebbit, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, urging him to move the Post Office up in his list of candidates or privatization.

36 killed as Phalangists shell Sidon

From Robert Fisk
Beirut

At least 36 people had been killed after three days of fierce shelling in and around Sidon yesterday as the city, evacuated by Israeli troops six weeks ago, endured another round of civil war fighting.

Almost all the dead were victims of a sustained artillery bombardment by pro-Israeli Christian Phalangist militiamen in the village of Mieh Mieh above the city, which brought dozens of armed Palestinian Guerrillas out on to the streets of the Ein Helwe refugee camp.

Several thousands of refugees fled in panic into the commercial centre of Sidon hoping to find shelter in schools and unfinished buildings.

The Palestinians gunmen appeared to belong to Yassir Arafat's faction of the Palestine Liberation Organization who later joined forces with Lebanese Shia Muslim militiamen and Lebanese troops.

Over the past three weeks, Israeli Army trucks have been seen carrying hundreds of tons of ammunition from the Israeli frontier up to Jezzine above Sidon where the Phalangist militia who have mutinied against President Gemayel of Lebanon have their base.

Kidnap Briton page 5

Police fire on black mourners

From Michael Hornsby
Johannesburg

A black man was killed and 10 other were injured yesterday when police fired teargas and birdshot at people leaving a funeral for victims of unrest in a township outside Port Elizabeth, in the Eastern Cape, according to a witness. Also, troops were moved into the Port Elizabeth region over the weekend to reinforce police patrolling strife-torn black townships where about 40 people have died violently in less than two weeks.

Another funeral, in Kwanobushle township near Uitenhage, 25 miles north-west of Port Elizabeth, reportedly passed off without violence.

Troops and Police set up road blocks at points of entry into two black townships near Cape Town, stopped cars and searched their occupants. Although described as a routine crime prevention exercise, the operation was clearly intended as a deliberate show of force.

● NEW YORK: Morgan Guaranty Trust, America's fifth largest bank, announced it will make no new loans to the South African Government until real progress is made towards improving political, economic and social conditions for blacks and other non-whites.

Tour in balance, page 4

Hovercraft ripped open on breakwater

The Princess Margaret, her side ripped away in the accident in which two people died. Two others are missing (Photograph: Jonathan Player).

Two dead, two lost as search is halted

Rescuers yesterday called off their search for two passengers missing after being swept into the sea off Dover in Saturday's hovercraft accident in which two others died.

Coastguards now believe there is no hope of finding Megan Roberts, aged 13, the daughter of one of the victims, or Christophe [illegible], aged 15, a French student who was believed to have been on board.

"In view of the weather conditions and the length of time since the accident there is now no hope of finding them alive," a coastguard spokesman said. The search was called off at 1 p.m.

Police yesterday named the two people who died. Mr John Roberts, aged 40, was an English teacher in West Germany and father of the missing girl. He died on Saturday night in the William Harvey Hospital, Ashford, Kent.

The dead woman was Mrs Margarita Ehrmann, of Sao Paulo, Brazil, whose body was pulled from the water. She was on holiday with her husband Hugo, aged 74, who is in Buckland Hospital, Dover, with cuts and abrasions. His condition yesterday was said to be satisfactory.

Mr Roberts's wife, Susan, aged 40, is seriously ill in hospital with extensive bruising and a fractured pelvis. A spokesman at the Kent and Canterbury Hospital described her condition as stable.

Their son, Thomas, aged 10, was admitted to Buckland Hospital, suffering from exposure but was transferred to the Kent and Canterbury Hospital yesterday to be with his mother. The family are believed to come from the Northampton area.

Seven other casualties were still detained with injuries including severe lacerations, fractures and the effects of swallowing fuel oil

A Department of Transport investigator yesterday began examining the wrecked craft and interviewing the crew to try to establish the exact cause of the crash. A spokesman from the department said that Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for Transport was expected to order an inquiry.

The hovercraft, the Princess Margaret, owned by hovers-

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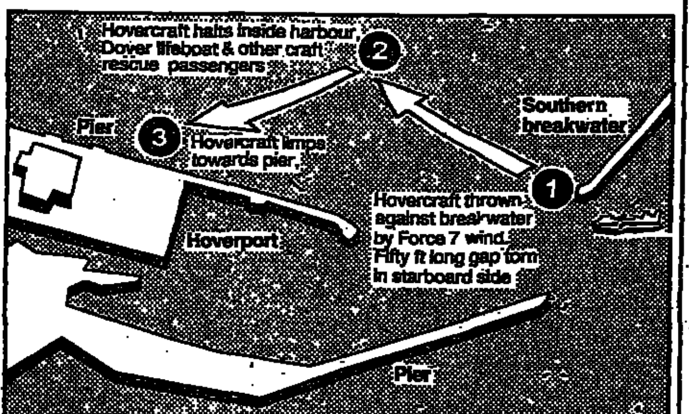
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Bishop's strong advice

The Bishop of Durham has advised community leaders to ignore those people "who sit on their arses and do nothing".

The Rt Rev David Jenkins told the Durham County Federation of Community Associations on Saturday that people should not be afraid to face facts and make changes when necessary. He reminded the meeting of a saying used during his army service, "nil desperandum illegitimi", which he translated as "don't let the bastards get you down,"

Dr Jenkins also fired a broadside at the Church of England, which he said was about the biggest organization in favour of change "as long as it does not make any difference".

Yesterday, Dr Richard Tanham, who retired as federation chairman at the meeting, said: "Nobody was shocked by what he (the bishop) said.

Doubting bishops, page 14

Chequers talks last five hours

Thatcher calls for rates reform package before the summer

By Philip Webster, Political Reporter

The Government's search for a fundamental reform of the rating system was given a powerful boost yesterday when Mrs Margaret Thatcher and a group of senior ministers decided during a five-hour Chequers summit on the rates to ask for proposals to be put to the Cabinet before the summer.

The summit, reflecting the growing political anxieties within the Cabinet over rates, a concern intensified by the present discontent in Scotland over revaluation, gave Mr Patrick Jenkin, Secretary of State for the Environment, and his ministerial team, what they wanted; approval to press ahead as fast as possible to draw up a package for reform.

And is has opened up at least the possibility, played down by Whitehall last week, of legislation to reform the rates within the present Parliament provided a Bill can be drafted in time. A White Paper is possible in the autumn.

Mr Kenneth Baker, the Minister for Local Government, and his colleague, Mr William Waldergrave, who yesterday presented the Prime Minister with detailed costings of the various forms of taxation which could supplement or even replace the rates altogether, were asked to complete quickly their review into local government finance announced at the Conservative Party conference last year.

Significantly, however, it was made plain last night that other ministers not represented in the Chequer summit were to become involved in the discussions.

Among those mentioned were Sir Keith Joseph, the Secretary of State for Education and Science, and Mr Norman Tebbit, the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, the clearest evidence of the Government's determination to do something to help business ratepayers.

It was made clear last night that the summit had made no firm decisions and that the options remained open. It was even said that the complete abolition of the rating system, a pledge once made by Mrs Thatcher and later abondoned, was back on the agenda.

Sources confirmed yesterday, however, that the idea of a new poll tax, levied on all adults or earners in a household, is a strong front-runner in the eyes of Department of Environment ministers.

Their favoured optin was understood to be a poll tax to supplement the rates, which would remain but form a much-reduced proportion of local council spending. In addition business rates would be set nationally at the same figure and collected centrally by the Department of the Environment.

The disclosure that Sir Keith will be invloved in future talks is confirmation that a switch of education spending from local

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Compromise secures EEC budget

From Ian Murray
Brussels

An EEC budget for 1985 can at last be drawn up after the total success of the Brussels Eurpean summit in resolving all of the Community's outstanding financial arguments.

The budget, which should be ready next month, will include about £1,200 million extra for farm spending and will pave the way for granting Britain its agreed £600 million concession this year.

The summit ended in a triumph of compromise when a way was found to meet Greek demands for extra money to compensate for the effects of Spanish and Portuguese entry. In return, Greece lifted its veto on enlargement, which is essential to increase the Community's income.

In the words of Mrs Margaret Thatcher, at the end of one of the EEC's most intensive series

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Miners' strike increases oil use by 146%

Power stations increased their use of heavy oil by 146 per cent last year becasue of the miners' strike, according to figures from the Institute of Pertoleum.

The Central Electricity Generating Board refused to confirm the figures yesterday. A senior spokesman said: "A conjurer doesn't show how he pulls a rabbit from a hat in case he has to do it again for the same audience".

The institute reported that demand for petrol rose by 3.4 per cent, but demand for diesel was up by 9.3 per cent.

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Sudan police 'will try to topple Nimeiry'

From Paul Vallely
Khartoum

Leaflets given out secretly on the streets of Khartoum are claiming the police will not act to stop any revolution against President Nimeiry. They are distributed in the name of the outlawed Sudanese police officers' association.

The move comes at the start of a week in which, following last week's food riots, a big demonstration is being planned to call for the resignation of the President, who is on a visit to the United States.

The leaflets say: "From now onwards the Grouping of Police Officers will do all it can to disobey any order to use force against the people of Sudan ... the police will work to bring down this dictatorial regime with all legal and illegal means". "Grouping" is the term used by Sudanese trade unions since there were banned by President Nimeiry.

The statement apologizes for having carried out what it describes as a criminal act without intention. "The police have been a tool in the hands of the dictator Nimeiry.

"We say no to Nimeriry and no to dictatorship. The spirit of October is still alive." This was a refeerence to the coup of October 1964, when food riots were followed by strikes which led to the downfall of military government and a temporary restoration of democracy.

This week's rally will be backed by groupings of doctors, lawyers, engineers, bank workers, academics and students.

The president of the students' union at Khartoum university, Mr Omer Yousif, said: "Even the judges' committee has declared its support. The air is quivering."

A member of the doctors' union said the demonstration will take the form of a march from the university to the People's Palace, the seat of government, where it will present a petition demanding the resignation of Mr Nimeiry.

"It will be a peaceful demonstration. ..if any impediment is placed in our way there will be a general strike. If Nimeiry refuses to resign there will probably be a general strike anyway."

In another development, the autorities said there were 60,000 "vagrants" in the capital, who must register for deportation to the provinces.

On Saturday the security police said that from nowon all people on the streets of the capital should carry indentity cards at all times.

● The Ethiopian Government has launched an air and land offensive apparently designed to disrupt the relief effort in the rebel province of Tigré and halt the flow of refugees into Sudan.

Nationalized industries rebel on government moves to force sell-offs

By Anthony Bevins, Political Correspondent

The nationalized industries have staged an open revolt against government plans which would give ministers power to force up financial targets, demand cash returns on reserves, and sell off marketable portions of every state-owned activity from coal and gas to railways and the Post Office.

Treasury proposals have been denounced by nationalized industry boards as draconian, inadequate and close to expropriation.

Even the National Coal Board, under Mr Ian MacGregor, normally regarded as the most loyal to the government line, has told the Treasury that its plans for piecemeal privatization are unclear and that if pits and coalfields are to be sold off, then primary legislation would be "more appropriate" than ministerial orders rushed through Parliament under an Enabling Act.

The coal board has told the Commons Select Committee on Energy: "While the (Treasury) memorandum states explicitly that these provisions are not intended to permit privatization of an entire industry, it is not clear whether they are intended to permit privatization of parts of the board's mining activities.

"If these provisions were intended to apply to the board's mainstream mining activities, then the board would need to carry out a detailed examination of all legislation applying to the coal mining industry enacted over the past 40 years, much of which has been drafted on the basis that there is a single operator."

Responding to the Treasury proposal to fix its own financial targets for the industries, the coal board says: "The board believe that it is a well-proven principle of organization that management will respond more actively in meeting a target which can be regarded as internally generated, rather than one ultimately set from outside".

Sir Denis Rooke, chairman of British Gas, drives home the same message. In a letter to the select committee, he says that the financial proposals are objectionable in principle, unprecedented in practice, and potentially damaging.

"Not only the price of gas, but the whole gamut of corporate planning, capital expenditure and wage negotiations would become the implicit responsibility of government. The corporation's board would be, to all intents and purposes, reduced to the role of a management committee acting at the ultimate behest of the Treasury", he said.

"A Board which had no standing to press a point, will not press. The new proposals would not only change the balance of the dialogue, but ultimately remove the need for any real dialogue at all".

The Electricity Council, which answers for the Central Electricity Generating Board and area boards in England and Wales, says: "No manager of any stature or capability would be likely to be attracted to boards if the regime under which he or she has to operate was fettered and circumscribed in the way set out in the proposals."

The Electricity Consumers' Council says: "Almost inevitably the proposals are likely to *lead to dearer electricity* and to involve an appropriation by the Treasury of the consumers' stake in the electricity industry."

The strength of nationalized industry protest is reinforced by the fact that the new Treasury proposals replaced a previous paper which had to be withdrawn last year in the face of a concerted outcry from the nationalized industry chairmen.

Treasury ministers hope to use the new draft as the basis for legislation in the next session of Parliament, within the next 12 months.

Mix-up over export of 'strategic' equipment

The Government appears to have been unable to stop a Scottish company exporting equipment, thought to be capable of manufacturing material for missile nose cones, to the Soviet Union.

On February 8 customs and excise impounded machinery at Hull docks which was due to be loaded on to a Russian freighter

It has now been revealed that the bulk of the equipment had already been sent to Russia, where it has been erected about 40 miles north of Moscow.

Mr Dewar Crawford, managing director of Consarc Engineering, of Bellshill, near Glasgow, said yesterday. "The Russians inquired four years ago about the possibility of buying a number of high-temperature vacum furnaces suitable for processing carbon".

He added that despite written approval from the Government for the order, which was won in the face of strong competition, the Export Control Regulations were amended on February 8, 1985, which had the effect that the equipment at Hull docks was the subject of an export licence.

At the heart of the decision to halt the shipment lay the fear that the furnaces could have been used to manufacture a lightweight carbon material with tremendous heat-resisting qualities used to coat rocket nose cones.

Oxford and Cambridge win

The triumph of Cambridge University women's Lightweight crew (above) at Henley yesterday is matched by the Oxford women's crew, who won the day's main race. Report, page 19 (Photographs: Bill Warhurst).

Westminster style for councils under study

By Hugh Clayton Local Government Correspondent

The possibility of cabinet-style government by local councils is being investigated by the new independent committee on procedures in local government.

The committee of four, chaired by Mr David Widdicombe, QC, has asked for evidence about the widespread view that formal decision-making by councils often no longer reflects political reality. The committee started work a few weeks ago, and will make its first public appearance in London tomorrow.

In theory arguments in councils are thrashed out in open debate. But the real debate is often held in a closed one-party meeting. The public chamber is used for futile tirades by the opposition against a foregone conclusion.

"At the moment you get a pretend system", Mr Widdicombe said in an interview with *The Times*. "The theory is still that decisions are taken in the council chamber".

Transplanting the conventions of Westminster to councils might include some equivalent of prime minister's question time, Mr Widdicombe said. "There would be an executive committee of the local authority which would be one party, not as at present with minority party representation.

"You would have to have safeguards for the minority parties and rights which they had not got at the moment". He emphasized that the committee had not reached any conclusions and would be investigating as widely as possible.

The inquiry is one of two announced at the Conservative Party conference last year. The other, conducted by ministers, is about finance. The Widdicombe committee has been told to investigate "practices and procedures governing the conduct of local authority business . . . and to make any necessary recommendations for strengthening the democratic process".

Anyone, including an aggrieved ratepayer, can offer evidence to the committee. It is supposed to report to ministers in less than a year. It has also been asked for an interim report in the summer about the use of public funds by councils for "overt political campaigning".

Mr Widdicombe insisted that the committee had no party political bias and wanted evidence from all shades of political opinion. "I want the Greater London Council and others to come and give oral evidence."

Mr Widdicombe, aged 61, has not belonged to a political group since he left the Labour Party more than 25 years ago. He has been joined on the committee by Sir Lawrence Boyle, aged 65, a former Glasgow city chamberlain, and Mr George Russell, aged 49, managing director of British Alcan Aluminium. The other member is Mr Peter Newsam, aged 56, chairman of the Commission for Racial Equality and former education officer of the Inner London Education Authority.

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CBI takes bullish view of economy

By Edward Townsend, Industrial Correspondent

The Confederation of British Industry, in one of its most optimistic manufacturing forecasts for almost a decade, predicts that the economy will grow by 4 per cent this year.

The bullish pronouncement, issued today, compares with the Government's estimate that gross domestic product (GDP) will rise by 3½ per cent in 1985. If accurate it could prove to be the highest rate of economic growth since 1973.

CBI economists say that the economy will benefit this year from the recovery of lost coal output, and by buoyant exports. The underlying rate of growth, allowing for the coal strike, is forecast to be 3 per cent, with inflation remaining at 5 per cent. The rate of increase in GDP in 1986 is predicted to fall to 2½ per cent.

The results of the CBI's March industrial trends survey, covering 1,778 manufacturers, show that export orders are at the highest for eight years, and total order books are the best for six years.

Exports could grow faster than world trade. The export boom and rise in investment spending, reinforced by greater consumer spending, are also major factor, the CBI says. But the organization repeats the warnings over pay rises that have been a feature of its forecasts this year.

Mr David Wigglesworth, chairman of the economic situation committee, said world markets remained intensively competitive and it was vital that industry make every effort to avoid cost increases.

"Wage costs are particularly critical, and pay settlements which are not matched by productivity improvements will put this resurgence at risk."

The economists say that underlying average earnings in manufacturing continued to increase by 8.5 per cent last January, while output per head rose by only 4.5 per cent in 1984. The rise of 4 per cent in unit labour costs occurred when those of Britain's competitors were falling.

Higher growth is expected to create a net 370,000 new jobs this year, although manufacturing employment alone should drop by 0.5 per cent this year and next. In distribution, services and other sectors, output growth is put at 5½ per cent this year and 3½ per cent in 1986.

● Last month's Budget improved the outlook for inflation but worsened output prospects, according to the London Business School (David Smith writes).

Even so, the jobs measures in the Budget should cut unemployment by 300,000 between now and 1988, it predicts.

Walker, Heath warn MPs over jobless

By Our Political Reporter

The Cabinet was given a double warning yesterday, from within its ranks by Mr Peter Walker and from the sidelines by Mr Edward Heath, the former prime minister, that failure to do more to combat unemployment carried immense political dangers for the Conservative Party.

Addressing a weekend conference of the Tory Reform Group, a leading pressure group on the party's liberal wing, Mr Heath said that if the Government continued present policies many Tory MPs would lose seats at the next general election.

Mr Walker, the Secretary of State for Energy, put himself firmly at the head of those within the Government calling for more effective action to reduce dole queues when he told the same conference: "We have got to recognize the political urgency to the party and the urgency to our nation of really grasping the unemployment problem".

Mr Walker's message, though predictably more cautiously worded than Mr Heath's, was similar: "There is now an acceptance that the Conservative Party will not succeed in the years to come unless we are shown to be the party most effective in tackling the problem of unemployment", he told the group, of which he is president.

Their warning coming the week after the Government announced a series of measures aimed at stimulating new jobs, and as the Labour Party prepares for tomorrow's launch of a jobs and industry campaign, was further confirmation that unemployment will dominate the political argument in the coming months.

Mr Heath's speech, at University College, Oxford, was probably the strongest of his recent attacks on the Government, and particularly on the Chancellor, Mr Nigel Lawson.

He pronounce "crude monetarism" as dead and buried, and said the future was being mortgaged.

But it was in a question session, when saying he did not know what unemployment would be at the next election if the Government carried on with its policies, that he added: "All I can tell you is that a lot of people will lose their seats".

Mr Heath: election alert.

Mr Heath said: "We are told also that we are entering the fifth year of sustained growth, the longest period since the war. True but don't forget that the upturn is from the lowest level since the 1930s and we have not yet got back to where we started from in 1979. There are more than three million living testimonies to that."

His strongest words came when he attacked the concept of people being forced into low wages, of which the Government's plan to abolish or reform wages councils is seen as a part. "I have always been a strong supporter of labour market reform and moderation in wage settlements, but I cannot accept these tired old arguments of the 1920s and 1930s rehashed again for the 1980s.

Power workers threaten breakaway from TUC

Moderate unions could organize a breakaway grouping if the TUC decides to expel the electricians and engineering unions for accepting government funds to finance ballots, the leader of the power engineers said last night (Our Labour Correspondent writes).

Mr John Lyons, general secretary of the Engineers' and Managers' Association which incorporates the power engineers, said that an alternative organization based on moderate policies would be a "powerful attraction" for many unions, including his own.

TUC leaders have set in train the lengthy process for bringing disciplinary action against the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers and the Electrical, Electronic, Telecommunication and Plumbing Union, which have applied to the Government for funds to support their systems of secret postal ballots for elections of officials.

Clydesdale Bank PLC

BASE RATE

Clydesdale Bank PLC announces that with effect from 1st April 1985 its Base Rate for lending is being reduced from 13½% to 13 per annum.

Due to a printing error, this notice appeared in yesterdays edition under the heading "House Mortgage Rate" Clydesdale Bank P.L.C. House Mortgage Rate remains unchanged at 13½% per annum.

Handling of pit strike attacked

By David Felton, Labour Correspondent

The Government's public intervention in negotiations during the last months of the miners' strike, has been criticized by Mr Ned Smith, the former director general of industrial relations at the National Coal Board.

Mr Smith, who was removed from the negotiating team and took early retirement, because he disagreed with the line being taken by ministers and Mr Ian MacGregor, chairman of the coal board, said that the preconditions demanded of the miners' union were "unprecedented in the management of industrial relations".

The criticisms are voiced in an article in *Personnel Management* and come after reorganization of the board's management structure.

Sources inside Hobart House, the coal board's headquarters in London, expect further changes after last week's establishment of a new executive committee comprising area directors who were thought to have performed well during the strike.

It is understood that a statement concerning the future of Mr James Cowan, NCB vice-chairman, may be made later this month, with the possibility that he will relinquish day-to-day management duties to take a consultancy role for the board in its Scottish area.

Mr Michael Eaton, North Yorkshire area director and chief spokesman during the last five months of the strike, is viewed as a likely successor to Mr Cowan, who is due to retire in the autumn. His early departure would renew speculation about the future of the Office of Chief Executive which Mr MacGregor operated with Mr Cowan, as the top layer of management.

It is also thought that Mr MacGregor is keen to offer voluntary redundancy to any miner who wants it and then undertake a big resettlement programme, transferring miners to pits where manpower is required.

Some board sources believe that more than 40,000 miners could leave under this process, which would be extremely costly as the severance terms allow £1,000 for each year of service

In his article, published today, Mr Smith said that there had been "a dramatic change" in the Government's role in the last two or three months of the miners' strike. "Government spokesmen started publicly prescribing what management negotiators could or could not do, indeed what they would or would not do.

"Personnel managers must have been intrigued, to say the least, by the advice that to be a good negotiator you must have written down on paper an agreed solution to the problem, before the negotiating meeting can be arranged.

"The manner of the ending of the strike was not, in my judgement, the most sensible that management might have obtained. Let's hope it can be redressed and quickly. If not the future will be bleak indeed", he said.

Church fears regional rift

By Clifford Longley, Religious Affairs Correspondent

The miners' strike may be "the pattern of things to come" as jobs in certain regions and industries decline faster than others, according to a Church of England document published today.

Economic changes could have profound implications for political stability, it states. "The older urban industrial areas may become progressively divided politically from the green fields of the shires and the new electronic industrial areas of the M4 corridor."

The document is the first stage in a church inquiry into national goals and aspirations. It is intended to promote comments from church people, politicians and members of the public. In due course, the Church of England will publish a statement describing what it thinks the long-term aims of society should be.

The project covers four areas: "Our values and goals as citizens"; distribution of work; distribution of wealth and income; family and household life.

The project is under the sponsorship of the board for social responsibility of the General Synod, and the committee concerned is chaired by the Archbishop of York, Dr John Habgood.

Dr Habgood's committee will be receiving evidence until the end of November.

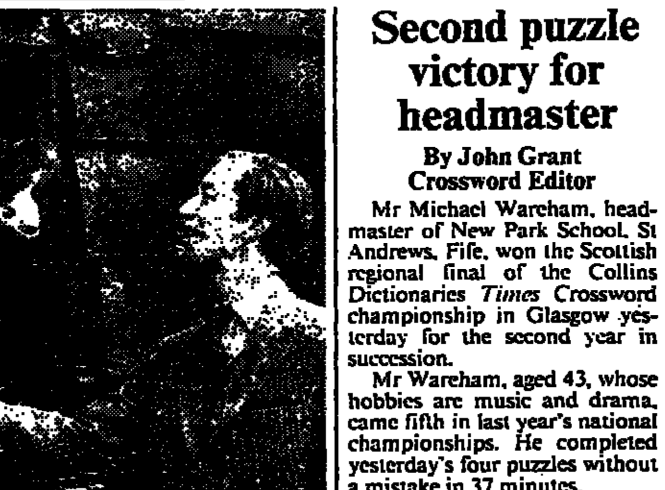
***Goals for our Future Society* (Board for Social Responsibility, Church House, Dean's Yard, London SW1; 95p).**

Employer-union joint call for industrial peace

Six top company directors and six trade union leaders have signed a joint declaration urging a new commitment to industrial peace (our Labour reporter writes).

Mr John Harvey-Jones, chairman of ICI, has joined Mr Ron Todd, left-wing general secretary elect of the Transport and General Workers' Union, in backing a manifesto calling for "competitiveness with justice". It urges managers and union leaders to meet urgently in organizations throughout the country to improve their industrial relations.

The document has been issued to coincide with a conference in London today, sponsored by the independently-funded Industrial Society.



Last Suspect, the 50-1 outsider which won the Grand National, greeting Mr Tim Forster, his trainer, yesterday after he returned in triumph to his stables at Letcombe Bassett, Berkshire. The horse was paraded through the village past banners that said "Welcome home: not last but first." Racing, page 21.

Second puzzle victory for headmaster

By John Grant Crossword Editor

Mr Michael Wareham, headmaster of New Park School, St Andrews, Fife, won the Scottish regional final of the Collins Dictionaries *Times* Crossword championship in Glasgow yesterday for the second year in succession.

Mr Wareham, aged 43, whose hobbies are music and drama, came fifth in last year's national championships. He completed yesterday's four puzzles without a mistake in 37 minutes.

Another former national finalist, Mr Grant Walker, a lecturer in mathematics at Manchester University, came second. He is a Scott by birth but now lives in Alderley Edge, Cheshire, and took an average of 12½ minutes for each puzzle.

Mr Wareham and Mr Walker go through to the national final to be held in London

Mr Michael Macdonald-Cooper, a freelance writer from Perthshire, came third and Mr S. H. Shabankareh, aged 25, a computer specialist with Shell, came fourth.

MPs suggest economies at question time

By Richard Evans, Lobby Reporter

It is just the kind of saving of taxpayers' cash and slashing of unnecessary bureaucracy – £75,000 and reams of repetitive words a year – of which Mrs Margaret Thatcher would thoroughly approve.

Soon, if MPs agree, those economies will be made at her own Prime Minister's Question Time.

The potential for savings at the twice-weekly Commons ritual arises from the fact that MPs rarely table specific oral questions in the daily order paper for Mrs Thatcher to answer at the dispatch box every Tuesday and Thursday.

Instead, they nearly always ask "if she will list her official engagements" for the day, the reason being partly to fox her and because Prime Minsters in the past have got out of answering many detailed questions by transferring them to departmental ministers.

By being deliberately vague a question provides no evidence of an appropriate minister to whom it could be transferred and, by the same token, no indication of the supplementary question which will follow. In short, MPs, particularly from the opposition benches, can try to catch Mrs Thatcher out.

But the result is that usually more than 100 MPs have the identical "engagements" question printed on more than six pages of the order paper.

Now the Commons select committee on procedure, which has recently concluded an inquiry into the printing of oral questions to the Prime Minister, is expected to recommend that repeating the same question on page after page is a waste

The MPs have calculated that the savings to be achieved in printing, paper, typesetting and associated costs from cutting out unnecessary repetition could amount to £75,000 a year. Order papers cost £2.5 million a year to produce.

The select committee is expected to suggest a system whereby the "engagements" question is printed in full once, with the names of MPs who have asked it listed below.

Haughey demands hard line

From Richard Ford, Dublin

The Irish Republic's Opposition leader strongly condemned the trend of Anglo-Irish relations and gave a warning at the weekend that any consultative role for Dublin in the affairs of Northern Ireland would lead to disaster.

Mr Charles Haughey, leader of Fianna Fail, attacked the coalition government for its allegedly subservient and apologetic role towards Britain and received a standing ovation from 5,000 delegates at his party's annual conference for demanding the start of British withdrawal from Ireland.

Only hours after Mrs Margaret Thatcher and the Irish Prime Minister Dr Garret Fitzgerald had met in Brussels and agreed that it was worthwhile continuing the dialogue in the hope of reaching a deal to bring political progress in Northern Ireland, Mr Haughey issued a warning against "ad hoc palliatives" that would only prolong the tragedy.

"The Irish government must not become involved in some vague consultant role in the administration of the six-county area as a substitute for entirely new political and constitutional structures. Any such responsibility for the administration of an area over which Britain would still exercise sovereignty and control would in our view lead to disaster," he said.

It was futile to attempt to gain some initiative within the existing structure of Northern Ireland because it was a failed entity and was the basic cause of the problem.

Both the British and Irish governments say that the talks may not succeed but Dr FitzGerald wanted to be sure that Mrs Thatcher was committed to the negotiations.

The British Government is offering the republic a consultative role in the affairs of Ulster, including issues such as security and the judiciary which Dublin sees as main reasons for alienation among the Roman Catholic minority.

Kinnock pledge on ousting US bases

By Philip Webster

Mr Neil Kinnock, the Labour leader, said yesterday that his party's commitment to remove American nuclear bases and weapons from Britain would be carried out within months rather than years of the election of a Labour government.

Four days after defeating a move by the left to commit Labour to withdrawing from Nato, Mr Kinnock said that although withdrawal of bases and weapons would not be an overnight affair and that the timing would be negotiated, it would take place within months.

Asked in a TV-am interview whether it would be within a year, Mr Kinnock replied: "I would say within a year and certainly not much longer."

At a meeting of Labour's national executive on Wednesday Mr Kinnock warned the left that their attempt to turn Labour into an anti-Nato party would make it a prime political target. He said of Nato: "We are there, we are going to stay there and we are going to make a difference."

Yesterday Mr Kinnock said he did not think that removal of bases would provoke a furious reaction from the United States.

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Dental patients to pay most or all of cost as NHS charges rise

By Nicholas Timmins, Social Services Correspondent

Patients who are not exempt from National Health Service dental charges will be paying most of the cost of their treatment for the first time as new charges become effective today. For millions of courses of treatment the service will be paying nothing, or next to nothing, towards the cost.

Charges for dental treatment are rising by 25 per cent, coinciding with a similar increase in prescription charges to £2 and the ending for most people of NHS spectacles. Leading dentists said that for many dental patients the service was virtually a privatized service".

Mr Ralph Followell, immediate past chairman of the British Dental Association's council, said: "This has been done gradually and by stealth, but many patients will be paying all or almost all the cost of their treatment".

Dentists fear the new charges will encourage people to have teeth extracted rather than conserved, because extractions are cheaper. The association issued a warning that the charges will "set dental health back a generation".

The association has, however persuaded the Department of Health and Social Security to review the charging system to look for a method that is simpler and less damaging. The present system is "virtually incomprehensible for patients" and is "riddled with anomalies", the association said.

Under the new charges, examinations remain free. But with the exception of children, expectant and nursing mothers and people on low income, everyone, including many pensioners, will pay for the first £17 of treatment, and 40 per cent above that.

There are, however, separate specific charges for crowns, dentures and bridges, with a maximum charge of £115.

On the ministry's figures, patients who pay charges will be contributing 60 per cent of the cost of the NHS service, against 50 per cent last year.

The table shows, however, that for millions of courses of relatively routine treatment, patients will pay the full cost. For many of the more complex and lengthy treatments the NHS contribution is extremely small. For others the proportion the NHS pays will vary widely and by no clear logic.

Thus in example seven the patient pays £39.30 of the £44.30 cost of two X-ray examination's a polish and a porcelain crown. If a bonded crown is used, however, the patient pays the same but the NHS contribution rises from £5 to £29. But if a high gold content crown is needed, the patient's share rises to £69.30, while the NHS contribution drops to £5 again, less than 7 per cent of the cost.

Mr Followell said: "Under the new system of £17 plus 40 per cent it is much more difficult to give patients clear advice about how much their treatment will cost. For many patients who attend regularly and need little work, there will be little or no increase. But some patients who have been paying £14.50 could now be picking up a bill of £30 or £40.

"When an extraction costs the patient only £3.30 and a root-filling and rebuilding a tooth could cost £30, a lot more teeth are going to be sacrificed which could be saved.

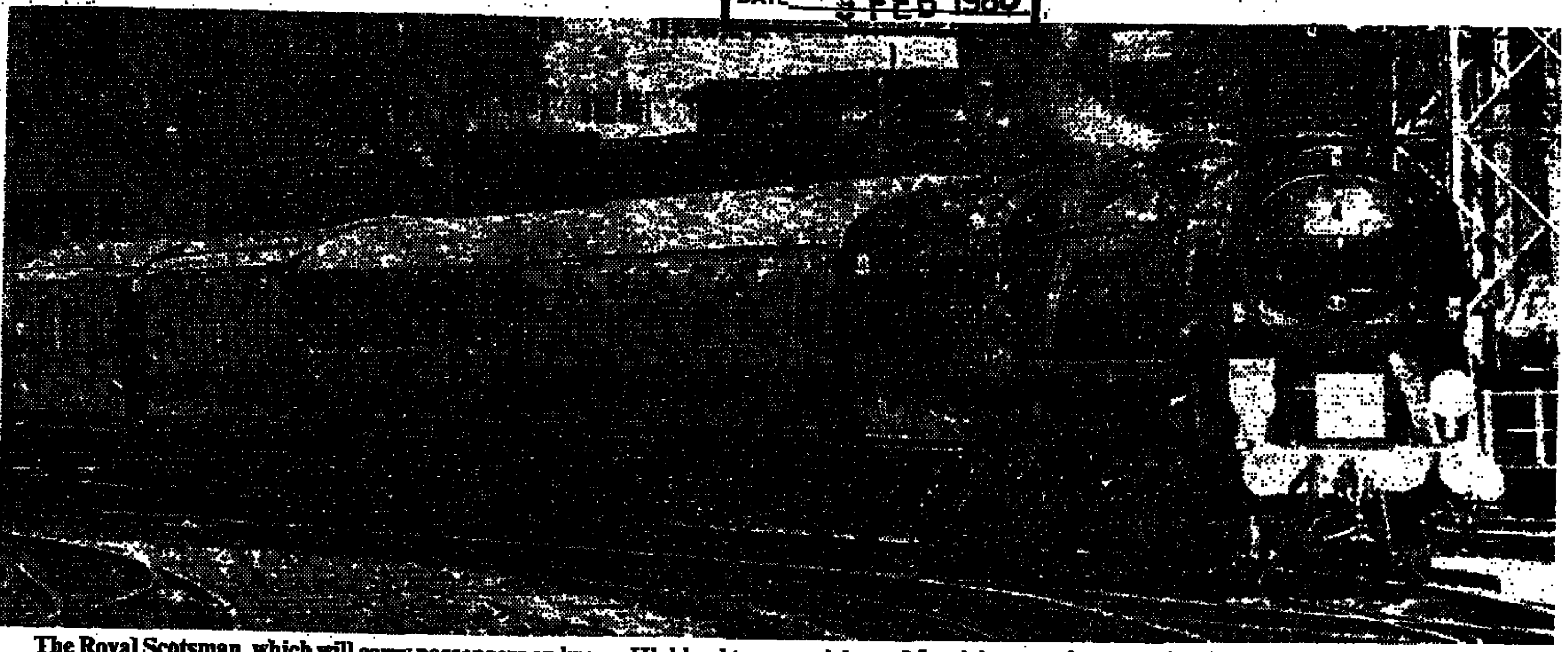
The association says it is appalled at the increases. But it is worried that if it protests too much regular patients, including, for example, pensioners who need replacement dentures, will be deterred from attending although they face little or no increase in charges.

The association said: "Although the initial cost of getting in good dental health may now be high, people who look after their teeth and attend regularly will find that the cheapest course in the long run".

NHS CONTRIBUTION TO DENTAL CHARGES FROM APRIL 1, 1985*

Examples	Patient pays £	NHS contribution £
1 One-X-ray, one small filling	5.00	–
2 One-X-ray, cleaning, one large pinned filling	16.80	–
3 Two X-rays, cleaning and 4 small fillings	18.00	1.50
4 Two X-rays, cleaning 2 medium fillings, one small gold crown	80.60	1.90
5 Three X-rays, clean 1 large pinned filling with root filling	27.92	16.38
6 One X-ray, cleaning one extraction and plastic denture;	35.20	2.00
or same with metal denture;	59.20	27.00
or same with no denture	9.20	–
7 Two X-rays, clean, one porcelain crown	39.30	5.00
or with bonded crown	39.30	29.00
or with high gold crown	69.30	5.00
8 Three X-rays, 3 small fillings clean, 3 porcelain crowns	115.00	15.80
or same with bonded crowns	115.00	87.80

*Examination is free at cost to NHS of £2.53 in each case.
Sources DHSS and BDA.



The Royal Scotsman, which will carry passengers on luxury Highland tours, arriving at Marylebone station yesterday (Photographs: Bill Warhurst).

Race slur claim dismissed

Calling a man a black bastard may not be racial abuse, but no different from saying someone is Scottish, Welsh or Asian and illegitimate, according to an industrial tribunal in Birmingham.

In its experience such expressions are in common use on the shopfloor, "but it is not intended that there should be any actual racial meaning".

In a written reserved decision, just published, the tribunal rejects a claim of unfair dismissal, and a further claim of racial discrimination, by Mr Zedekiah Mills, a stacking truck driver, who lost his job at Austin Rover's Longbridge plant, Birmingham, last year when he hit a foreman, who, he claimed, called him a black bastard. A week-long strike followed his dismissal.

The incident took place when the two men were arguing. Mr Mills claimed that it was the third time racial abuse had been offered him within the plant, and that on the two previous occasions management had not taken sufficient action.

A model, Miss Jane Massey, amid the splendour of the main dining car.

Luxury of Highlands tour train

The Royal Scotsman, which will offer the most expensive and luxurious train trips in Britain from next month, steamed into platform four at Marylebone station, London, yesterday. (Michael Horsnell writes).

The train, which will offer leisurely travel round the Scottish Highlands at a cost of up to £2,260 a person for six days, was piped into London by Lance Sergeant Brian Donaldson of the Scots Guards.

With elegantly restored carriages from the Victorian and Edwardian periods the train will carry only 30 passengers on each trip.

Three and six-day itineraries are planned, starting from Waverley Station, Edinburgh. The price will include a private bathroom, cabins, meals, wine, bar drinks and excursions.

It will be operated on BR tracks by the Great Scottish and Western Railway Company, which aims to set new standards in luxury rail travel. About £1 million is being spent on refurbishment.

Year of dairy quotas 'appals' farmers

By John Young, Agriculture Correspondent

Today marks the first anniversary of dairy farm production quotas, the end of a year in which, according to Sir Steve Roberts, chairman of the Milk Marketing Board, the cost to industry has been "appalling".

Sir Steve believes it would have been better for both producers and consumers to have let the market take its course and let falling prices restrict production.

Farmers' success in reducing production, largely by using fewer concentrate feeds, but also aided by a dry summer which restricted grass growth, could not disguise an enormous amount of trauma, suicides and bankruptcies, he said. The board had had to lay off employees, creameries had cut production, feed merchants had suffered, and dairy equipment manufacturers had seen sales come to a virtual standstill. In an interview with a farming magazine he estimated that the lost production could represent [illegible]0,000 jobs.

Yet Britain is still not self-sufficient in dairy products, and enforced cuts have allowed countries such as Denmark, France and The Netherlands, which produces three times its own needs, to make renewed inroads into the domestic market.

But the decision to place artificial limits on production to control the growing EEC surpluses of butter, cheese and skimmed milk powder was taken in Brussels and not in London. Quotas were adopted because countries such as France and West Germany needed to keep their small farmers on the land; price reductions could be absorbed only by large producers, whereas quotas would affect everyone equally.

The difference was strikingly illustrated by Mr Michael Jopling, Minister of Agriculture, last week when he reported that about 1,500 producers in Britain, out of about 60,000, had applied to be compensated under the "outgoers' scheme" for abandoning dairying for at least five years. His French opposite number, M Michel Rocard, had told him that France would need to persuade 41,000 farmers out ot a total of nearly half a million to give up milk production to have the same effect.

The scheme is intended to give the Government a proportion of the National quota to be redistributed among small farmers (those with fewer than 40 cows) and those able to prove special hardship, namely that, before quotas were introduced, they borrowed money to finance expansion and could not service their debts.

But Mr Jopling is still 90 million litres a year short of his target of 289 million litres, mainly because farmers who might be considering getting rid of their dairy herds are still waiting to see if they are allotted any extra quota.

Mr Jopling has said that all dairy farmers should be told of their 1985-86 quotas before the end of this month.

Ministers back alcohol ban at football grounds

By Philip Webster
Political Reporter

A ban on the sale of alcohol at football grounds is likely to be proposed at today's meeting between the football authorities and the Prime Minister's team set up to combat hooliganism.

The Football Association and the Football League will be told that unless they commit themselves to firmer action than they have so far shown themselves ready to take, the Government will do it for them.

Among the measures favoured by ministers are the alcohol ban, stricter controls on the transport of supporters to games at home and abroad, better perimeter fencing and strengthened powers for the police, including the power to call off matches when they fear violence.

Mrs Thatcher was less than happy with the proposals contained in the FA report drawn up after the violence in the Luton-Millwall match last month, and will make that clear today.

The FA, however, will go into today's meeting unprepared to accept that it must take the total responsibility.

Ministers attracted to a drinks ban inside grounds believe that it has contributed to a reduction in hooliganism in Scotland.

'Monstrous' to allow live firing on Dartmoor

A new agreement between the Ministry of Defence and the Duchy of Cornwall over live firing by the military on Dartmoor was "monstrous and disgraceful", Lady Sayer, patron of the Dartmoor Preservation Association, said yesterday.

The agreement enables servicemen to continue live firing on large areas of the moor, which covers 365 square miles, until September 1991. Under the new licence, artillery firing will be restricted to 60 days a year, 12 fewer than in the previous seven-year agreement.

"The Duchy should have taken a far stronger line and are playing a dangerous game in ignoring the opportunity to end live firing", Lady Sayer said.

"Live missiles are being picked up by children and carried home. There have been several cases of this over the past couple of years. It's only a matter of time before there is a serious accident".

Lady Sayer, who lives on Dartmoor, added: "I am really surprised that Prince Charles, as Duke of Cornwall, couldn't assert himself a little more as he is a great conservationalist". The Prince of Wales, as Duke of Cornwall, owns 70,000 acres on Dartmoor.

The Duchy of Cornwall said that it would continue to make land available for defence purposes after 1991.

Warning on disruptive pupils

Increasing classroom disruption by a minority of pupils is a serious threat to the majority of children who want to learn, the National Association of Schoolmasters/Unon of Women Teachers says in a report published today.

The second largest teacher's union says widespread youth unemployment is having a serious effect on some children who feel they are wasting their time attending school.

In a policy document, the union calls for an effective range of sanctions to help teachers to deal with troublemakers.

In difficult circumstances, the union says, its 127,000 members will be instructed to refuse to teach disruptive pupils. It also recommends teachers, parents, school governors and local education authorities to co-operate in drawing up a "contract" of good behaviour, to be guaranteed by parents, for suspended pupils who are readmitted.

Teachers lack adequate initial training on how to cope with disruptive pupils, the statement says. They work under too much pressure, morale is low and there are not enough immediate sanctions available to teachers.

Mrs Tebbit transferred

Mrs Margaret Tebbit, wife of Mr Norman Tebbit, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, who was injured in the Brighton bombing has been moved from Stoke Mandeville hospital to one of Britain's leading rehabilitation units for the disabled, at the Nuffield orthopaedic centre in Oxford.

Murder charge

Graham Neale, aged 26, a Radio Trent disc jockey, of Brandcaster Close, Cinderhill, Nottingham, was charged yesterday with murdering Lynne Godingay, aged 24, a receptionist, of Hickling Road, Mapperley, Nottingham, whose body was found in a wood. He is to appear in court in Nottingham today.

Swans dilemma

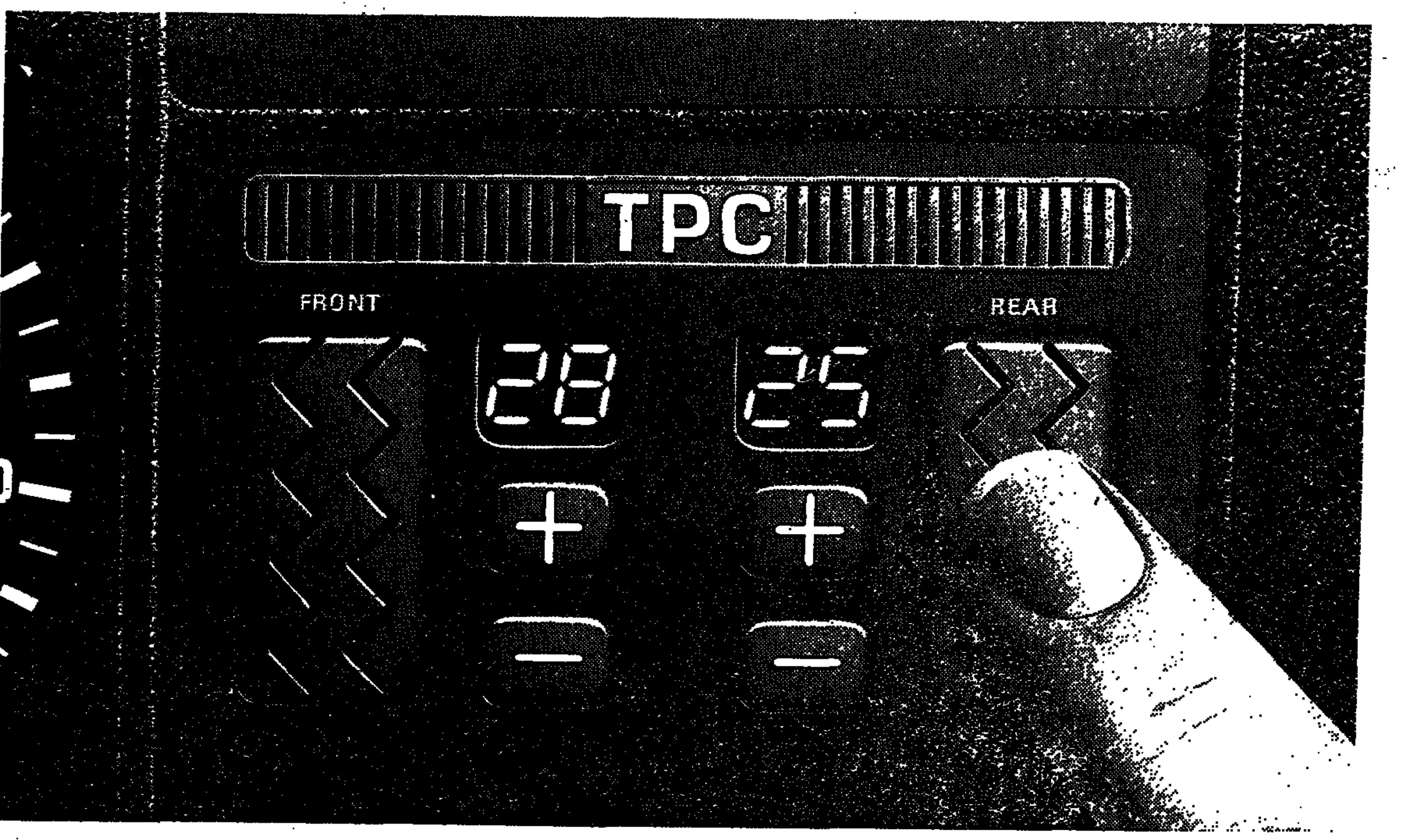
Department of the Environment officials will meet today to decide whether or not a swans' nest containing four eggs should be moved. A pair of swans have settled on a boating pond at Leamington Spa, Warwickshire. There is concern that they might attack holidaymakers.

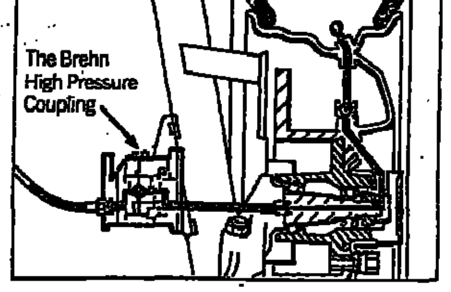
Surprise flights

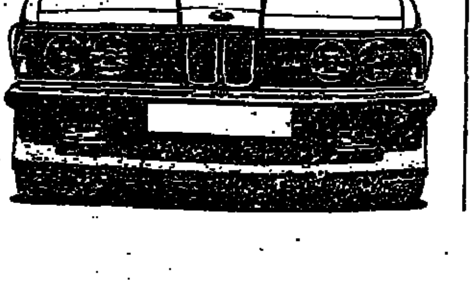
Air passengers were surprised yesterday when British Airways substituted Concorde for the normal Trident jet on two "super shuttle" flights between Manchester and London, celebrating BA's launch of five new international routes from Manchester.

Eton submarine

Three Eton schoolboys are to build a submarine with a £1,000 grant given to them by BP Oil as part of its Challenge to Youth scheme. The project will be part of an A-level design course.







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Parents 'know best' on health of children

By Sarah Bayliss, of *The Times Educational Supplement*

Parents are the best experts on their children's health and should be given responsibility for their health clinic notes, according to a leading paediatrician.

In a presidential address to the annual conference of the Pre-School Playgroups Association in Lancaster at the weekend, Dr Aidan Macfarlane, consultant paediatrician at the Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford, advocated a system of medical "passports" for young children, which would contain parents' observations and notes, as well as health and development checklists to be completed.

Dr Macfarlane, who has a special interest in cot deaths, said that he hoped such a system would lead to earlier diagnosis of problems.

"If parents were given clues as to what to look for, I believe they would be just as good as, or even better than, the professionals at picking up problems in their children".

Dr Macfarlane, who is responsible for child health services in the Oxford district, said that 78 per cent of families questioned in Abingdon had favoured the idea, and as a result, 500 families had been issued with the notes normally held by their clinics. The scheme had proved so popular with parents and professionals that a further 1,500 families had joined it.

Weather satellite marks 25 years with pictures every half hour

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

A picture from a spacecraft of the changing weather patterns over Britain is being remade every half hour through the meteorological office at Bracknell in Berkshire.

Yet satellite weather forecasting is only 25 years old today.

The images of swirling cloud formations over the Atlantic, Europe and North America are also provided from the weather satellite that is used to update weather forecasts broadcast by the television services.

The pictures come back from a spacecraft that relays information for reconstructing conditions over one third of the world every 30 minutes, covering an area from the Atlantic coast of the United States to central Russia in the east, and from Iceland in the north to southern Africa.

This constant monitoring of the conditions influencing the weather over Britain and its European neighbours became possible through an experimental weather satellite called Meteosat, launched by the European Space Agency.

Soon, three operational versions of Meteosat will come into regular service.

Yet it was only 25 years ago today, on April 1 1960, that the first tentative steps in satellite weather forecasting were made with the launch of Tiros-1, an acronym for Television and Infra-Red Observational Satellite.

With the subsequent strides in space technology, several families of weather satellites have been born. Television images, once stored on a magnet tape recorder and relayed slowly back to ground, are assembled in a few seconds.

Whereas Tiros-1 carried two cameras to record pictures directly, the most up-to-date space craft such as Meteosat employ the electronic method of radiometry for measuring the variations of light and heat radiated from beneath it, and the pictures are reconstructed from the measurements of this radiation, which are the tell-tale signals of the molecules in the atmosphere.

Spacecraft such as Meteosat operate from a geostationary orbit 22,250 miles above the equator, where a satellite is moving in the same sense as the earth's rotation and therefore appears to remain over a fixed point on the ground.

Nevertheless, the most familiar transmissions from satellites are the pictures showing striking cloud formations. To the trained eye, they provide information about cloud type and about the position, extent and intensity of frontal depressions, thunderstorms, hurricanes, sea-breeze circulation and typhoons.

Other details extracted regularly from the satellite pictures are details of snow cover, sea ice, sea-surface temperatures, cloud-top temperatures and winds at different heights.

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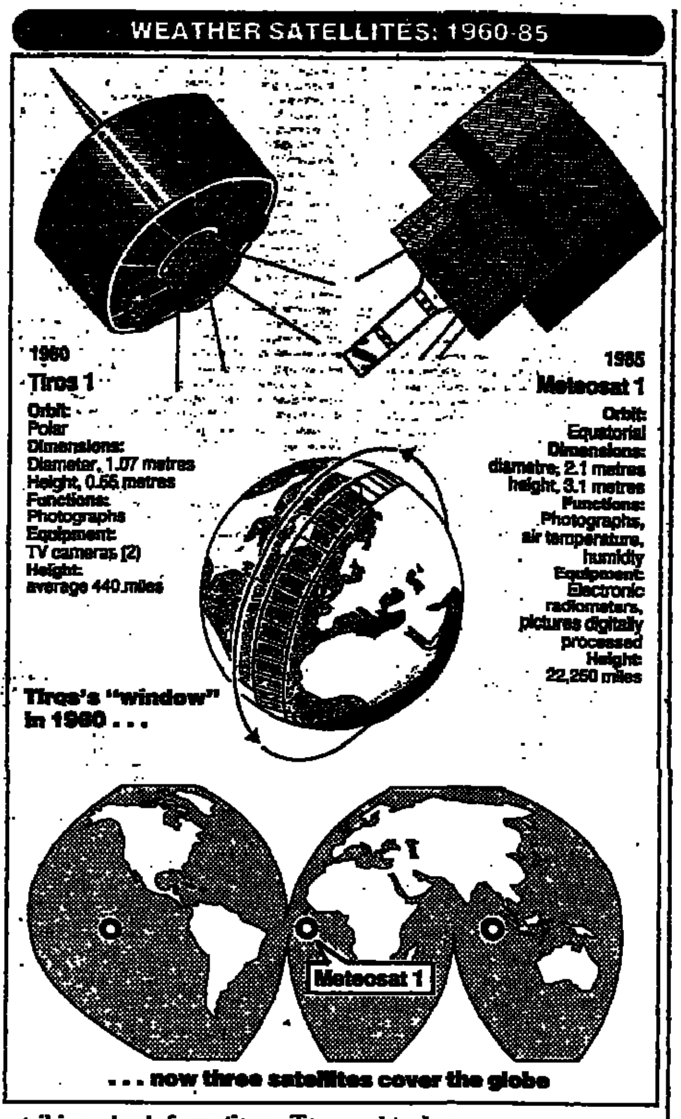

NCCL and Mind urge closure of jail wing

By Patricia Clough

The Government is urged today to close a wing of Holloway prison, north London, where mentally disturbed women are said to be detained in inhumane conditions.

The National Council for Civil Liberties (NCCL) and the National Association for Mental Health (Mind) are campaigning to end what they call a "national scandal" at the prison. They said that mentally disturbed women were kept in cells that were "cages where it is simply unthinkable to keep human beings".

The campaign is backed by the Prison Reform Trust, the Howard League for Penal Reform, Women in Prison, and by the Bishop Suffragan of Stepney, The Right Rev J. L. Thompson, in whose diocese Holloway lies.

After a visit to Holloway's C1 wing for mentally disturbed prisoners, NCCL and Mind representatives concluded that conditions were as bad as or worse than those at Rampton special hospital and Broadmoor when they were causing public concern.

The wing contains up to 40 women, mostly on remand, many of whom are acutely disturbed.

● At the present rate, prisons will be inspected only once every 10 years, according to an all-party group of MPs who yesterday told the Home Secretary that more prison inspectors were urgently needed.

Gorbachov's new broom brings hope and scepticism

From Richard Owen, Moscow

The editor of *Pravda* picked up the phone the other day and heard the voice of Mikhail Gorbachov at the other end.

"Vikto Grigorievich", said Russia's new boss, "do you keep the works of Lenin in your office?"

"Certainly."

"Then be so good in future as to quote him, not me."

The story is being circulated in Moscow by the same sources of information (more accurately, perhaps, disinformation) which portrayed Mr Gorbachov as Russia's acting leader as President Chernenko lay dying.

The campaign is designed to show 54-year-old Mr Gorbachov as modest, brisk, and astute, a no-nonsense leader of the new generation, whose aim is efficiency and reform rather than self-glorification.

But three weeks after he took power, a debate has begun over whether Mr Gorbachov is capable of rising above the cautious and limited bureaucracy which produced him, or whether he is "a new engine on the same old tracks," in the words of one diplomat.

As Mr Gorbachov's grass roots purge of ageing and incompetent regional and republic-level officials spreads across the country, from Estonia to Kirghizia, hopes are rising that the new leader will push through radical reforms in a contry more used to slow change and safe opinions. "He is a child of Khruschev, not Stalin," one intellectual said optimistically.

But some official signals contradict the image of the Gorbachov personal style being put about by his supporters. His accession has been marked by relative gloom over the Geneva arms talks, attacks in the Press on Western reporters, and an ambivalent attitude towards the successful reforms re-affirmed by last week's Hungarian Communist Party congress.

With both Hungary and China apparently in mind, Kremlin officials have warned Russians – and the West – not to expect market socialism, private enterprise or political pluralism in Russia.

Mr Gorbachov has made a study of Lenin's New Economic Policy of the 1920s, which involved a mixed economy and foreign investment. But academics who suggest, even theoretically, a modern-day NEP have been firmly slapped down by Neo-Stalinists.

The main foreign policy theme so far is an attempt to split Western Europe from America, although, oddly, Mr Gorbachov's letter to a West German peace group last Thursday has still not appeared in the media (another contrast, perhaps with the Chernenko style of self-promotion).

None the less, Mr Gorbachov is a "young man in a hurry", as one observer put it, and the fact that reforms and NEP are in the air shows how much the man who hopes to propel Russia into the computer age has raised expectations.

Old style *apparatchiks* are fearful following the latest sackings: The first secretary at Minsk, in Byelorussia, three high party officials and the justice minister in Kirghizia, a regional secretary and a supreme court judge in Azerbaijan, even the police chief in Gori, Stalin's Georgian birthplace.

With the passing of the old guard, the average age of the Politburo has dropped to 67 from 70, and the average age of the four young-generation members is 59, giving them perhaps 10 years to get Russia moving.

It is a daunting task in a vast multinational state of 276 million, with a system which, nearly 70 years after the Revolution, remains (except for the military sector) primitive, poor and inefficient. Sources say Mr Gorbachov will move more technocrats into top jobs this month, with Politburo posts for Mr Viktor Chebrikov, the KGB chief, and Mr Yegor Ligachov, the personnel chief who is helping to mastermind the administrative shake-up.

Eventually, sources say, 79-year-old Mr Nikolai Tikhonov will go as Prime Minister and be replaced either by Mr Vitaly Vorotnikov, a close Gorbachov ally, or by Mr Geidar Aliyev.

Observers believe Mr Aliyev, 62, is gaining the edge over Mr Vorotnikov, aged 59, who made a lacklustre speech at the Russian Republic Supreme Soviet last week.

With his KGB links, energy and ability, Mr Aliyev, who is an Azerbaijani, – could help Mr Gorbachov sweep out corruption and complacency and complete the reform movement begun by Andropov during his brief period in power.

Mr Gorbachov: Purge across the country.

Communist slap for Carrillo

From Richard Wigg
Madrid

Spain's small Communist Party dismissed Señor Santiago Carrillo as spokesman in Parliament yesterday as punishment for "repeated indiscipline".

Señor Carrillo, aged 70, who for two years has had a bitter battle of wills with Señor Gerardo Iglesias, the party secretary general he himself chose, is to be replaced by Señor Fernando Perez, another of the four Communist MPs.

Señor Carrillo defiantly called a press conference on the sidelines of a Communist Party national congress held here, to tackle the discipline question. He claimed he had the allegiance of more than half Spain's card-carrying Communist membership. He threatened to take the dispute over who controlled the party.

Señor Iglesias wants the party, before the next election, to be at the head of a broad based non-ideological front of all forces disappointed with the Socialist Government.

Basque riot over killing of journalist

From Our Own
Correspondent Madrid

Señor Xavier Galdeano, correspondent in south-west France of *Egin*, a Basque newspaper close to the underground ETA organization, was killed on Saturday in St Jean de Luz in a shooting incident claimed by the mysterious extreme right-wing Anti-Terrorism Liberation Group, which has over the past year been attacking Spanish Basques living in France.

Spanish police sources claimed that the journalist and former executive of *Egin* was a member of the Basque separatist organization leadership.

Within hours of his death, amid street protests in Basque cities, a French-registered car was burnt in Bilbao, for which ETA's military wing claimed responsibility.

An explosion yesterday also damaged the premises of a French car company in San Sebastian. There were no immediate reports of injuries or arrests.

All Blacks' tour of South Africa still in balance

From W. P. Reeves, Wellington

New Zealand is being kept in suspense about whether its rugby union All Blacks will play in South Africa later this year.

The sport's ruling council on Saturday deferred a decision until April 17. After meeting Mr David Lange, the Prime Minister, the 18 councillors sought more time to clarify points he had raised.

The postponement will disappoint Mr Lange, who left immediately for a five-nation visit to black Africa. His path there could have been eased by a decision not to go ahead. He has said that part of his mission is to repair understandings damaged by previous rugby links with South Africa.

But Mr Lange is still confident, and regards the deferment as a positive sign.

Mr John Minto, the chairman of Hart (Halt All Racist Tours), has accused the Rugby Union of stonewalling, to avoid public outcry if the invitation from South Africa is accepted.

However, SPIR, a pro-tour faction, has advised the rugby administrators to call what it sees as the Prime Minister's bluff.

Police said yesterday a firm decision was wanted soon because money was being spent on training police.

In a letter to the rugby councillors, Mr Lange said an All Black tour would do great damage and reiterated the Government's "total opposition to sporting contact with South Africans outside New Zealand".

Although the letter said the tour "must not proceed", it seemed to accept that the decision was one for the rugby administrators to make.

"The interest of New Zealand is what I wish to urge on you and your fellow councillors," said the letter, addressed to Mr Les Blazey, the Rugby Union president.

Rugby people could not reasonably disclaim responsibility for the consequences that would inevitably flow from their actions, Mr Lange said.

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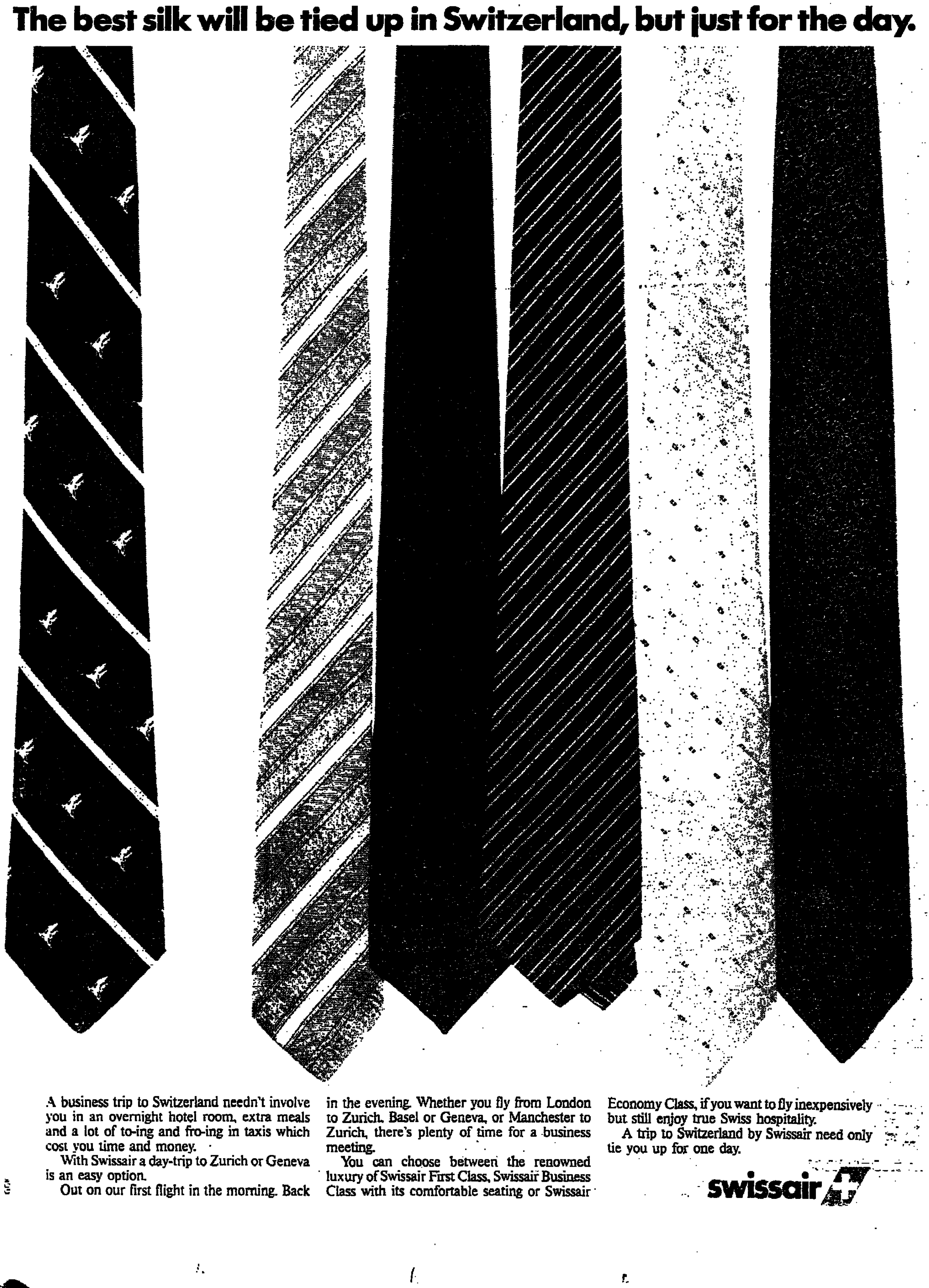

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Thanks all round from kidnap Briton who thought he might die

From Robert Fisk
Beirut

It was all rather routine at the British Embassy's commercial section in east Beirut yesterday, as if Brian Levick was thanking colleagues for their help on a new business venture rather than on the successful conclusion of a kidnap.

He welcomed journalists to his press conference, praised his wife for having been patient, and even expressed his gratitude to his kidnappers for having released him. Perhaps this is to be the pattern now that abduction is a way of life in Beirut: You thank everybody afterwards, and fly home to England.

But a little reality did creep into the proceedings. "To be kidnapped is not a pleasant experience, nor is imprisonment in itself pleasant", Mr Levick said, staring into the television cameras through his thick spectacles.

He had spent two weeks in solitary confinement, his ears numbed by the whining of an air-conditioning machine, his mind filled with "fear, foreboding and regrets".

He had thought he might die, but decided to be "a good prisoner", walking three miles a day up and down his underground 7ft by 5ft cell, wearing a hood during one of his five interrogations, realizing he just could not remember the poems he learnt at school.

Mr Levick, the managing director of Coral Oil in Lebanon, is a middle-aged, bearded Briton who, like many kidnap victims, emerged as a remarkably courageous man, conscious in his imprisonment of his wife Ann's love for him and admitting afterwards that the "love and esteem" which he held for her had increased because of her behaviour during his ordeal.

He had been grabbed by an armed man outside his west Beirut home on March 15 and dragged by his hair into a car. It quickly became clear that – like Geoffrey Nash, his newly-released compatriot – the kidnappers erroneously believed he was an American.

"I had a great deal of difficulty in conveying to them that I was English", he said. "They appeared to have a very deeply held view that I was an American".

He spent his two weeks' captivity in his cell, treated well according to his own account by Muslim captors who appeared to have "religious feelings", allowed two or three visits to the toilet each day with a hood over his head.

He knew he would be set free when they told him to put on his business suit and shampoo his hair.

Mr Levick did not know what he would do now, conceding that he felt "weak and weepy". Ann Levick said that when she saw him again his suit looked "a little the worse for wear, not frightfully clean. Otherwise, I was so pleased to see him, I didn't really care."

Mr Levick was held by the "Khaibar brigade" – named after a Jewish village in Arabia destroyed by Muslims in the early years of Islam – and yesterday afternoon the same group released Mme Danielle Perez, aged 34, secretary of the French Embassy cultural section in Beirut, who was abducted nine days ago.

Less fortunate are six other Westerners held captive in Lebanon since mid-March, including Terry Anderson, the American bureau chief of the Associated Press news agency.

Perhaps more immediately disturbing has been the kidnap of three Lebanese Jews, members of Beirut's tiny Jewish community.

Elie Haliak, Haim Cohen and Elie Srour were all abducted by armed men last week in the area of Wadi Abu Jamil, the crumbling, narrow street that was once home to the community but is now controlled by Shia Muslim militias.

Paris bomb claim by suicide group

Beriut (Reuter) – The Islamic Jihad group, which carried out suicide truck-bomb attacks on American and French targets in Lebanon and Kuwait, has claimed responsibility for the bomb that wounded 18 people in a Paris cinema on Friday. An anonymous caller said the attack, on a cinema showing a festival of Jewish films, was revenge for Israel's "iron fist" drive against guerrillas in southern Lebanon. Almost 2,000 people took part in an anti-racism demonstration in Paris after the bombing.

Captive account: Brian Levick, watched by his wife, talking in Beirut of "fear, foreboding and regrets" during his captivity.

Iraqi planes raid Iran after blast in Baghdad

Baghdad (Reuter) – Iraqi warplanes attacked five Iranian towns and a military camp yesterday after a huge overnight explosion in Baghdad.

A military spokesman said Hormuzabad, Gilan-e-Gharb, Delhoran, Sar-e-Pol-e-Zahab and Mehran, as well as the Hosseinabad camp in western Iran were raided. It was retaliation for Iranian attacks on Iraqi towns.

The blast in central Baghdad occurred at about the time Iran said it fired two missiles at the Iraqi capital. There was evidence of only one explosion. Iraq has made no official statement on the explosion, which damaged buildings, but apparently caused few, if any, casualties.

Journalists trying to reach the site were turned away by police, and there was no way of ascertaining what caused it. It left a hole the size of a large car and shattered windows in hundreds of buildings.

It was the seventh big explosion in central Baghdad since March 14. All have occurred at times when Iran said it had fired missiles at the city. Diplomats disagree on what caused the blasts, at least two of which Iraq has blamed on saboteurs.

● **TEHRAN:** An Indian envoy left Iran for home yesterday with no sign of progress in his efforts to halt the Gulf fighting (Reuter reports).

President Ali Khamenei told the Indian Minister of State for External Affairs, Mr Kurshed Alam Khan, that it was Iraq that started "these dangerous and deadly games".

● **BAHRAIN:** The vice-chairman of Iraq's Revolutionary Command Council, Mr Izzat Ibrahim, arrived in Riyadh yesterday on an unexpected visit.

The Saudi Press Agency said he was welcomed by Crown Prince Abdullah, commander of the National Guard, but gave no details. Saudi Arabia is Iraq's biggest financial backer in the war.

The UN Secretary-General, Señor Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, is also in Riyadh but it was not immediately known whether he would meet Mr Ibrahim.

New York: Having failed to overcome Iran and Iraq's intractability, the Secretarty-General is likely instead to press Saudi Arabia, Oman, Qatar and Bahrain to use their powers of persuasion, individually and collectively (Our Correspondent writes).

Report exposes Israel's growing West Bank control

From Christopher Walker,
Jerusalem

More than half the land in the occupied West Bank is now under total Israeli control through either direct seizure or administrative restriction, according to a report compiled by Mr Meron Benvenisti, head of the West Bank Database Project.

As well as showing Israeli control of 52 per cent of the West Bank, the report disclosed a master plan for road construction there which provides for expropriation of a further 25,000 acres of the territory conquered in 1967. "The road network is designed to bypass Arab population centres and fragment and dissect the Arab settlement region", noted Mr Benvenisti, a former deputy-mayor of Jerusalem.

The report observed that drives for land control are typical of all settler societies "from Algeria to the Cape colony". It said that in 1947 Jews controlled less than 10 per cent of mandatary Palestine. Now Arabs possess only 15 per cent of it.

More than half the area seized by Israel has been requisitioned for military purposes. Only 7 per cent of the area has so far been designated for housing but that is enough to settle between 800,000 and one million Jews.

● **JERUSALEM** An Israeli settler, aged 52, was shot dead yesterday in the market place of El-Bireh on the occupied West Bank, Israeli military officials said (Reuter reports).

It was the first serious incident in the West Bank since February 4

US-Soviet agreement on easing mission tension

From Nicholas Ashford, Washington

Commanders of the United States and Soviet ground forces in Germany are to meet soon to discuss new measures to prevent incidents like the fatal shooting of Major Arthur Nicholson of the US Army by a Soviet sentry in East Germany.

The meeting, which will probably be in East Germany next week, was agreed upon during talks between Mr George Shultz, the Secretary of State, and Mr Anatoly Dobrynin, the Soviet ambassador, at the State Department on Saturday.

General Glenn Otis, commander of American forces in Europe, will meet General Mikhail Zaitsev, leader of Soviet forces in East Germany.

Major Nicholson, who was buried with full military honours at Arlington National Cemetery on Saturday, was killed while on a monitoring mission in East Germany. The exact circumstances of his death are disputed by the United States and the Soviet Union.

The talks between Mr Schultz and Mr Dobrynin were intended to ease tensions which have developed between the two superpowers since Major Nicholson's death and to ensure that the incident is not allowed to interrupt efforts to improve relations

Poll fails to fire Salvadoreans

From John Carlin, San Salvador

Heavily-armed troops saturated the capital and polling areas in the countryside as Salvadoreans voted yesterday in the election for a new National Assembly – El Salvador's Parliament – in an atmos' phere of unusual calm.

Guerrillas of the left-wing Farabundo Marti National Front (FMLN) had previously burned buses and mined roads in an effort to sabotage elections "signifying nothing", in the words of one guerrilla commander.

Army officers had speculated that the guerrillas, who have lost the initiative in the civil war in the last year, were preparing spectacular attacks on election day.

This being the fourth election in three years, there is widespread feeling that, whoever wins, nothing will change substantially.

Some voters yesterday seemed convinced the civil war would continue and the economy would not recover from recent devastation.

The politicians, however, see the result as crucial. President José Napoleon Duarte's Christian Democrats believe they must win a majority in the National Assembly if the President is to succeed in his plans for peace talks with the FMLN, human rights improvements and economic reforms.

For the last three years the assembly has been under right-wing control, checking President Duarte's reformist impulses, according to Christian Democats.

Most political observers believe the Christian Democrats will not win the necessary majority of 31 seats in the 60-seat assembly. The Christian Democrats' chief right-wing opponents are Major Roberto d'Aubuisson's Republican Nationalist Alliance Party (ARENA) and National Conciliation (PCN), El Salvador's traditional rulers before the civil war began.

The two parties formed a coalition committee to halt what they see as president Duarte's authoritarian impulses.

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Kohl retires for some personal belt-tightening

From Frank Johnson, Bonn

Chancellor Helmut Kohl of West Germany made a further attempt yesterday to prove that he is not engaged in a policy of expansionism. He flew to the resort of Bad Hofgastein with an announced policy of taking off two stone in 14 days.

The visit is an important break with German tradition. The German idea of a politician is of someone very large. There are lean, intense ones but, on the whole, the model is Bismarck rather than Goebbels.

Herr Kohl is not alone among contemporary West German politicians in being a man of breadth.

Herr Kohl is understood to have left for Bad Hofgastein weighing just over 16 stone. How will he achieve his almost impossible aim of taking off two pounds a day for 14 days? The mass circulation *Bild Zeitung*, which has been covering the story of the Chancellor's stomach for some months, said yesterday that Herr Kohl would be relying on long walks, swimming, saunas, and a diet of yogurt, black coffee, fruit and a little cooked fish.

One of the days, namely April 3, will be for the Chancellor a presumably joyless fifty-sixth birthday.

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Trade talks follow euphoria of EEC deal

Spain, Portugal: the bilateral strains

From Richard Wigg
Madrid

Spain and Portugal, with their prospects of joining the EEC in January brightened by the Brussels summit, today begin here negotiations finally to settle a new framework for bilateral trade.

There is no longer any excuse for delays. The Iberian countries have long been "neighbours with their backs to each other", but Señor Fernando Morán, the Spanish Foreign Minister, has told Senhor Ernani Lopes, the Finance Minister and chief EEC negotiator of Portugal, that after Brussels "we are two peoples destined to understand each other".

A speedy and successful settlement of the details of trading and fishing arrangements will represent above all a test of Spanish willingness to make concessions in the interest of longer term peninsular development. The Portuguese, pushed for months by the EEC Commission to agree a new framework, emphasize how much they fear the industrial power on their doorstep which has flourished behind high tariff barriers.

Portugal's exports face Spanish import duties of up to 50 per cent, whereas its industrial imports from Spain enter on very low tariffs.

Lisbon wants Spain rapidly to dismantle its tariffs, but to allow Portugal a series of safeguards.

The EEC's terms agreed with Spain on fishing should help Portugal exclude the Spaniards from its coastal waters. EEC licensing, with limited catches, will now have to be accepted by Madrid, Lisbon maintains, in the rich Portuguese 200-mile economic zone, which includes the Azores.

The Gonzales Government's happiness over Spanish entry terms was dented somewhat at the weekend by two leading politicians. Señor Manuel Fraga, the right-wing Opposition leader, has switched to demanding that Spain, once it is a part of the EEC, adopt a tough negotiating stance to get more benefits. He recommended copying Britain's approach.

Señor Adolfo Suarez, the former Prime Minister, also contradicted the Government by declaring that there was no reason why Spain should remain in Nato even after joining the EEC.

The Italians and Greeks will be the Spanish man in the street's favourite EEC partners, according to a Gallup poll published yesterday by *Diario 16*, the liberal Madrid daily. Britain is bottom of the poll with France, because of Gibraltar, the paper suggests.

Last week, when all eyes were on Brussels, the Spanish Government slipped in a provision for VAT from January 1. Portugal is to attempt the same tax reform

VAT will be highly unpopular in the peninsula and will probably meet shopkeeper resistance.

Among first reactions to the terms, the Portuguese Confederation of Industry forecasts that its member firms will be swept aside by Spanish and other European competitors. Spain's association of small and medium-sized companies has voiced identical fears.

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Gibraltar chief to visit Spain

Gibraltar – Sir Joshua Hassan, Chief Minister of Gibraltar, is to visit Spain after Easter, for the first time since November 1, 1964, the Day Spain imposed restrictions on Gibraltar. The announcement came after an official visit to Gibraltar by Señor Rafael Palomino, president of an organization linking the towns of the neighbouring Campo area.

European nerves over cost of swelling the ranks

From Ian Murray
Brussels

Now the euphoria over Spain and Portugal completing negotiations to join the EEC is dying down, apprehension about what it will mean is growing. While everyone had real political reasons for wanting the two new members, there is something less than enthusiasm about what it will cost.

France has a lot to lose and President Mitterrand must be worried about his traditional support in the south-west of the country, where farmers habitually burn Spanish lorries in protest at tomato prices.

To compensate for this type of problem, IMPs (Integrated Mediterranean Programmes) were devised and Greece insisted on getting them before allowing enlargement at all. The deal, thrashed out at the summit, was a masterpiece of creative bookkeeping which took into account that the northern countries, led by Britain, wanted to pay virtually nothing.

The strategy which broke the deadlock was worked out by M Jacques Delors, the Commission president.

In essence, it meant holding down the amount of money specifically for IMPs and finding money from somewhere else to boost the total. That extra money could only come from the overspent funds of the Community. The cunning ploy was to offer extra money from these funds knowing it would become available only if Greece agreed to the whole package.

Greece did accept, although it would have had this extra money whether or not there had been a special package. the amount represents no more than it can expect to receive from the creation of a larger Community budget.

The northern countries were happy because between them they only had to put up about £960 million more over seven years above normal contributions. Mr Papandreou, the Greek Prime Minister, could claim he had been given virtually everything he had asked for.

But it was entered into the summit's minutes that Greece did not consider it had had a full answer to demands for better treatment by the Community set out in a memorandum shortly after Mr Papandreou came to power. Britain and three other countries said they considered the memorandum had been answered.

End of the hunt: Signor Calo and two associates, being taken by police from the Rome police headquarters yesterday.

'Economic brains' of Mafia held

From John Earle
Rome

Signor Giuseppe Calo, who is described as the treasurer of the Mafia and is alleged to have laundered billions of lire into the purchase of property and legal investments, has been arrested in Rome. "We believe he is the economic brains of the organization", said the chief of the Rome Flying Squad.

Four arrest warrants, including murder, have been issued for "Don Pippo", as he is known in Sicily, but all trace of him was lost in the early 1970s.

Don Tommas Buscetta, the former Mafia leader whose confessions last summer brought a wave of arrests, is said to have pointed to "Don Pippo" as a former boss of his own "family". They found him, with two other wanted Sicilians, in an expensive flat in Rome. In another flat they come upon about 400 million lire (£170,000) in cash, jewelry, eighteenth century paintings and modern art.

Police later arrested Don Pippo's wife, Rosaria, 46, his doctor, the wife of another alleged Mafia man arrested with him, and two others.

Don Pippo, aged 54, the son of a Palermo butcher murdered by the Mafia, avenged his father by killing the murderer at 18 and then steadily made his way up the organization.

Kennedy's hint over presidency in 1988

Washington – Senator Edward Kennedy has given the first indication that he is considering running for the presidency in 1988 (Nicholas Ashford writes).

Asked during an interview with the *Boston Globe* whether he would contemplate another presidential bid, he replied: "I've always said I would like to be President some day".

He made it clear he no longer felt constrained by the family considerations that kept him out of the 1984 race. Aides said he probably would not take a final decision on making a bid for the Democratic presidential nomination until next year.

UPI granted 90 days grace

New York (Reuter) – United Press International, the international news agency, has been given a 90-day grace period by creditors to whom it owes millions of dollars.

The debt moratorium was announced after meetings between UPI and representatives of the 10 major creditors, including American Telephone and Telegraph, American Express, RCA Corporation, Lectronics Systems Inc and Gemstar Rental Electronics Company.

Diver's luck

Wellington, (Reuter) – A skin diver, Rosemary Keating, aged 21, swept into the strait between New Zealand's North and South Islands by a strong rip tide, crawled ashore yesterday morning after more than 18 hours in choppy seas. God, she said, had kept off the sharks.

Extradited

Boston, (Reuter) – A magistrate ordered the extradition from the United States of Charles McArthur Taylor, a former Liberian government minister accused of embezzling nearly $1m from the West African nation. His defence claimed the charges were political.

Jet intercept

Johannesburg (AP) – A Zimbabwe military transport plane carrying a football team to Swaziland which strayed into South African air space, was forced by South African fighters to land at Hoedspruit air force base. It was allowed to leave later.

Tractor menace

Moscow (Reuter) – Drunken tractor drivers are becoming a serious hazard in Latvia, the local radio said. They were demolishing rural highway bridges, falling into ditches and drowning in ponds.

Died waiting

Delhi (Reuter) – A man aged 21 died of exhaustion in Madras after a night spent queuing with 12,000 others seeking recruitment as police constable.

Denmark faces strike unrest despite ban

From Christopher Follett, Copenhagen

Denmark faced the threat of more labour unrest today after the Folketing (Parliament) at the weekend passed emergency legislation imposing an end to the crippling one week private sector strike.

The legislation, presented by the ruling four-party centre-right coalition of Mr Poul Schluter, the Prime Minister, and supported by the small Radical-Liberal Party and three votes from Greenland and Faeroes members, was finally passed by 85 votes to 80 (with 14 absentees) late Saturday night after a sometimes dramatic 11-hour debate.

The legislation, which called for a return to work by 300,000 striking private sector workers at midnight last night and headed off a public sector strike due to start today, imposes 2 per cnet ceilings on pay rises for the next two years

It also includes a package of economic austerity measures restricting loans, a five-year compulsory savings scheme for the better-off (without interest) increases in corporation taxes from 40 to 50 per cent, and other sanctions designed to elimate the country's growing balance of payments deficit by 1988.

The working week is to be lowered from 40 to 39 hours in 1987 - and not to 34 hours this year, as the unions had demanded.

The package, which political analysts described as the most Draconian in Denmark in over 20 years, has met with a violent storm of protest from union-affiliated workers, giving rise to fears of further mass demonstrations, work stoppages, and disruptions up to the Easter holiday.

Chile kidnap victims' throats cut

Santiago (Reuter) – The bodies of three abducted Chileans have been found with their throats cut in a ditch on the outskirts of Santiago.

It named them as Señor Manuel Guerrero, aged 36, leader of a teachers union opposed to the military Government, Señor Jose Parada, aged 39, a member of a church human rights organization, and Señor Santiago Nattino, aged 64, a draughtsman.

Señor Guerrero and Señor Parada were abducted last Friday morning by armed civilians as they talked outside Señor Guerrero's school.

Another teacher, Señor Leopoldo Munoz, is in hospital after being shot in the stomach when he tried to intervene.

Relatives of Señor Nattino said he disappeared last Thursday afternoon from a street

Delhi threat to fence off Bangladesh

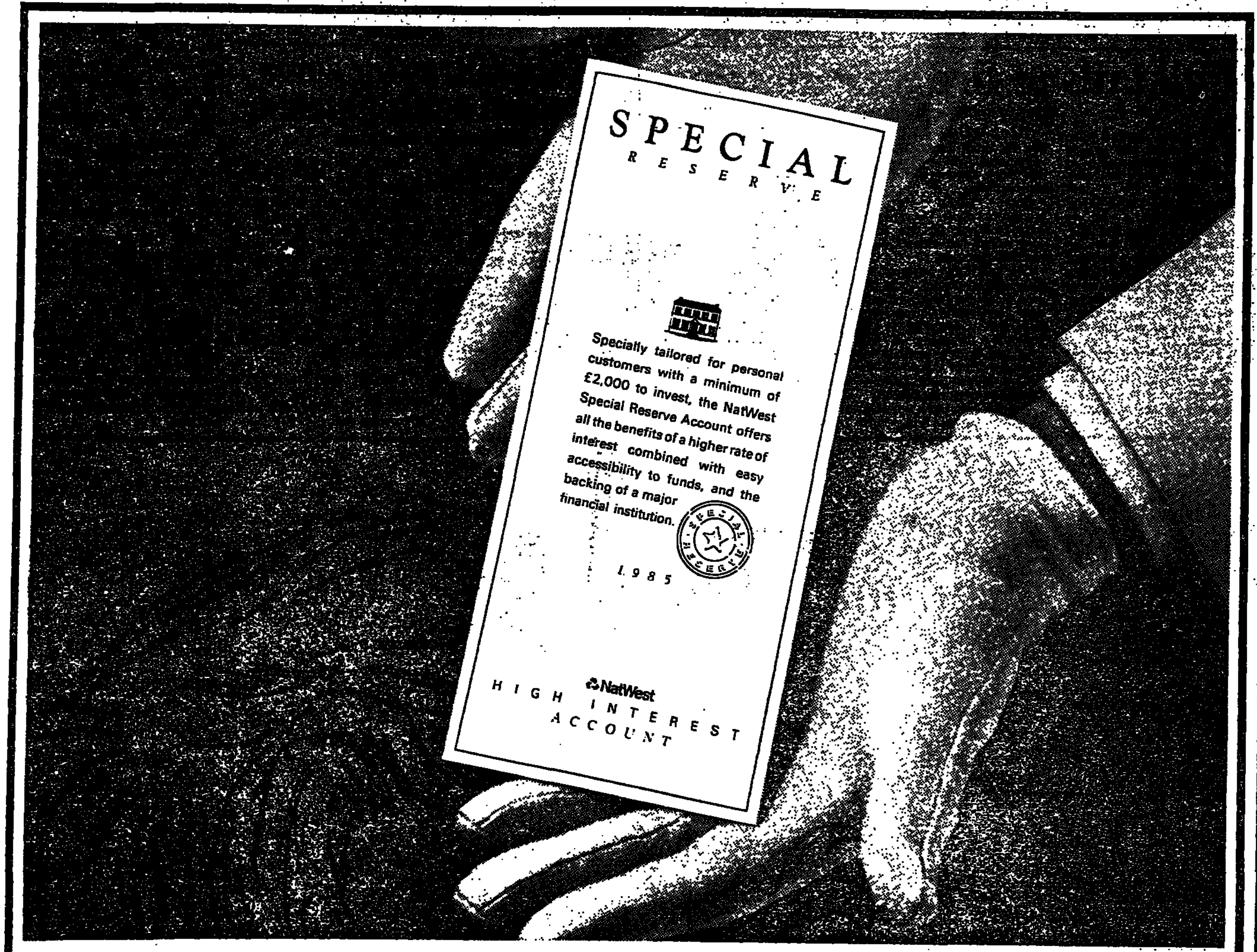
From Kuldip Nayar
Delhi

The Government of India has revived plans to erect a barbed-wire fence along the country's borders with Bangladesh to check illegal movement across the border.

The plan had been shelved following protests by Bangladesh during the rule of Mrs Indira Gandhi.

Delhi's decision to go ahead with the plan indicates a tough policy from Mr Rajiv Gandhi's Government. It is also a concession to Assam leaders who are in Delhi, for talks with the Government on the issue of "foreigners" in their state.

Meanwhile, after tension in the districts of Amritsar and Jallandhar in Punjab, the Government has banned pillion-riding on motorcyles and scooters.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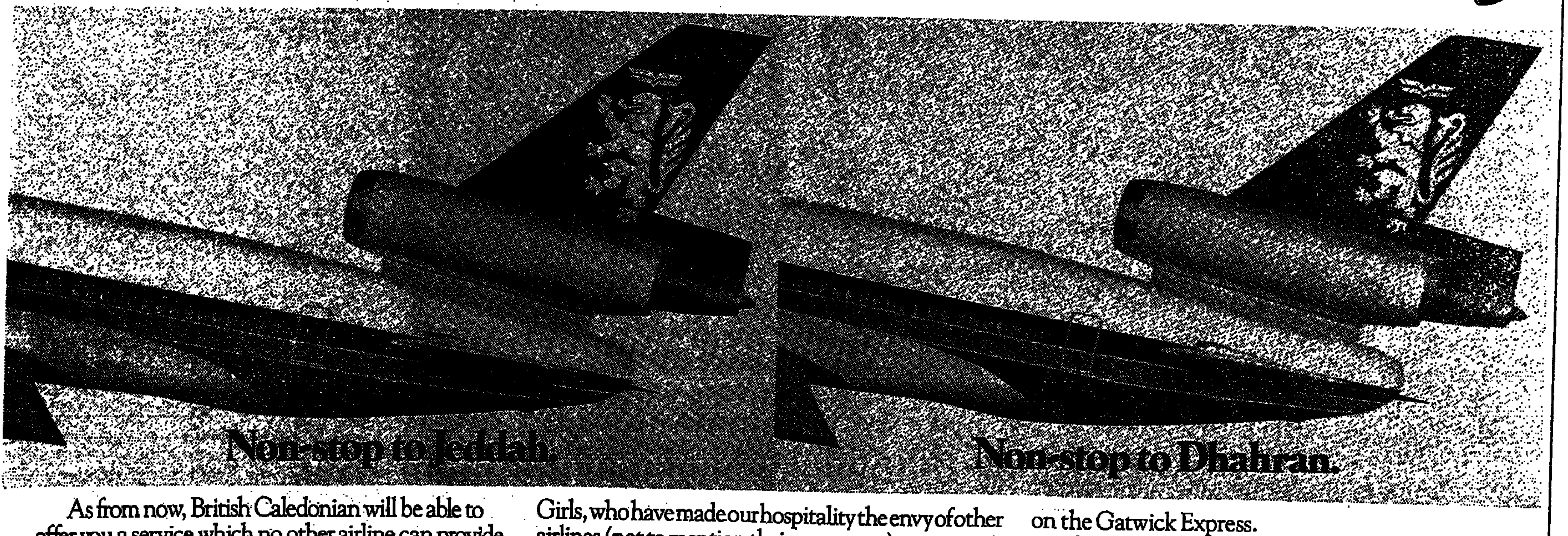

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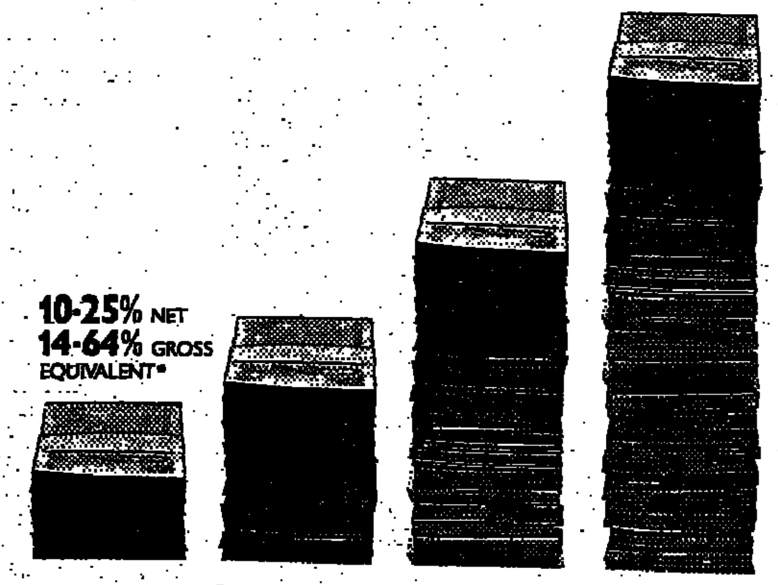

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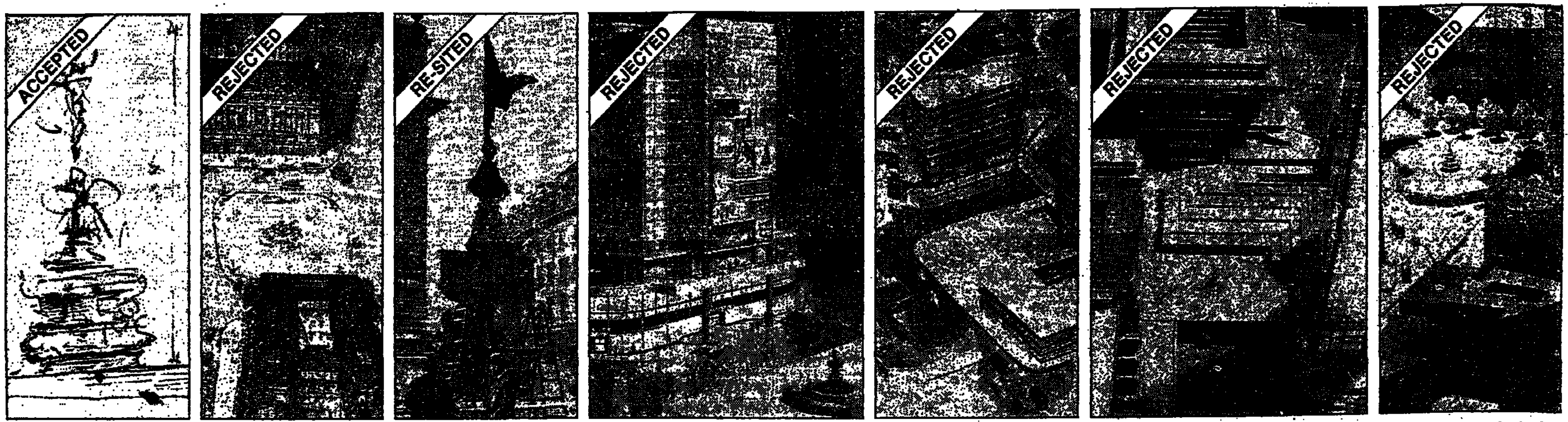


Piccadilly plans: From left, Sir Alfred Gilbert's sketch of the Eros statue; Harding Thompson and Hepworth's 1924 scheme; wooden facsimile of Eros, 1930; Cotton's controversial design of 1959 and the revised Monico plan; 1968's design and its updated version in 1972

At last a facelift for old faithful

Piccadilly Circus is undergoing a £100m redevelopment. Charles Knevitt, Architecture Correspondent, looks at the London landmark that was once the ‘hub of the Empire’

Reconstruction of London's Piccadilly Circus will be well on its way to completion by the time Eros returns home as the centre-piece of a new pedestrian piazza next spring. More than £100m is being spent above and below ground on what was once the "hub of the Empire": yet its surroundings will still be very familiar.

The circus is undergoing the biggest transformation since the scythe of Shaftesbury Avenue was built a century ago. In an example of planning every bit as ruthless as Baron Haussmann in Paris, the traffic engineers cut a path through the slums, displacing 3,000 people, to ease congestion. The new road also destroyed the symmetry of Nash's Regent Circus South for ever.

But in 1980, after a succession of controversial schemes for the future of the area, the Greater London Council finally started to implement a "least chance" policy. Popular landmarks are being retained and new buildings are springing up behind the listed façades facing the circus: Eros is to be relocated to a new pedestrian area, 30ft south of its former site; and the underground station, the largest in London, is being extensively modernised at a cost of £11m.

Piccadilly Circus has always attracted attention which far outweighs its primary function as a busy and congested roundabout and transport interchange. Alfred Gilbert's statue of the Angel of Christian Charity at the top of the Shaftesbury Memorial Fountain – as Eros the symbol of London and a national talisman – has contributed much to its reputation.

Gilbert, aged 32, when he was commissioned in 1886, was adamant that the memorial to Anthony Ashley Cooper, seventh Earl of Shaftesbury, was not going to be a "coat and trouser" job but something symbolic. That a naked boy should represent the Victorian philanthropist was thought improper by many, if not downright immoral, when it was unveiled in 1893.

> ‘Eros was called the ugliest statue in any European capital’

Letters to *The Times* called it the ugliest monument in any European capital, the figure more suited to the Oxford Street music hall.

International fame also rests on the electric advertising which has been a feature of the circus since the 1890s. The illuminated sign for Mellin's food is thought to have been the first, but one of the most famous was a 30ft high illuminated poster for Horlick's featuring a giant picture of Lady Margaret Strickland and the caption, "Do you suffer from night starvation?"

Years later Lady Strickland retold the story of Jimmy Horlick and her father travelling past the advertisment in a taxi. "Have you seen my advertisement up there?" inquired Horlick. "Yes", replied Lord Strickland, "that's my daughter!"

The underground opened in 1906 and the following year was used by one and a half million people. By 1922 it was handling 18 million and soon a labyrinth of tunnels criss-crossed beneath the new Art Deco concourse.

If what happened underground did not cause much of a stir, the string of plans for above ground most certainly did.

Althouth there was a 1910 plan to turn the circus into King Edward VII Square, and a 1942 plan for a new piazza, it was when the threat became real that voices were raised in shrill protest.

On October 26, 1959, the LCC approved a scheme by Jack Cotton, the property developer, for a large new building on the Monico site; but for a small technicality – on parking provision – it seems certain that it would have been built.

But against advice, on the following day, Cotton announced his plan prematurely at a press conference and an artist's sketch was published in *The Times*. It showed the design for a 172ft high office block, crowned with a permanent crane to lift advertising on to its hoardings.

Criticism rained down from MPs, peers, the public and the Royal Fine Art Commission, (which did a deft volte face) and the Minister of Housing, Henry Brooke, called a public inquiry. In desperation, Cotton even commissioned eminent architect Walter Gropius to lend weight to his plans, but to no avail.

Scheme after scheme was proposed by the LCC and then GLC, by Sir William (later Lord) Holford, and Westminster City council. The 1968 plan was described recently by the GLC itself as a sort of cross between "Gotham City and ancient Babylon".

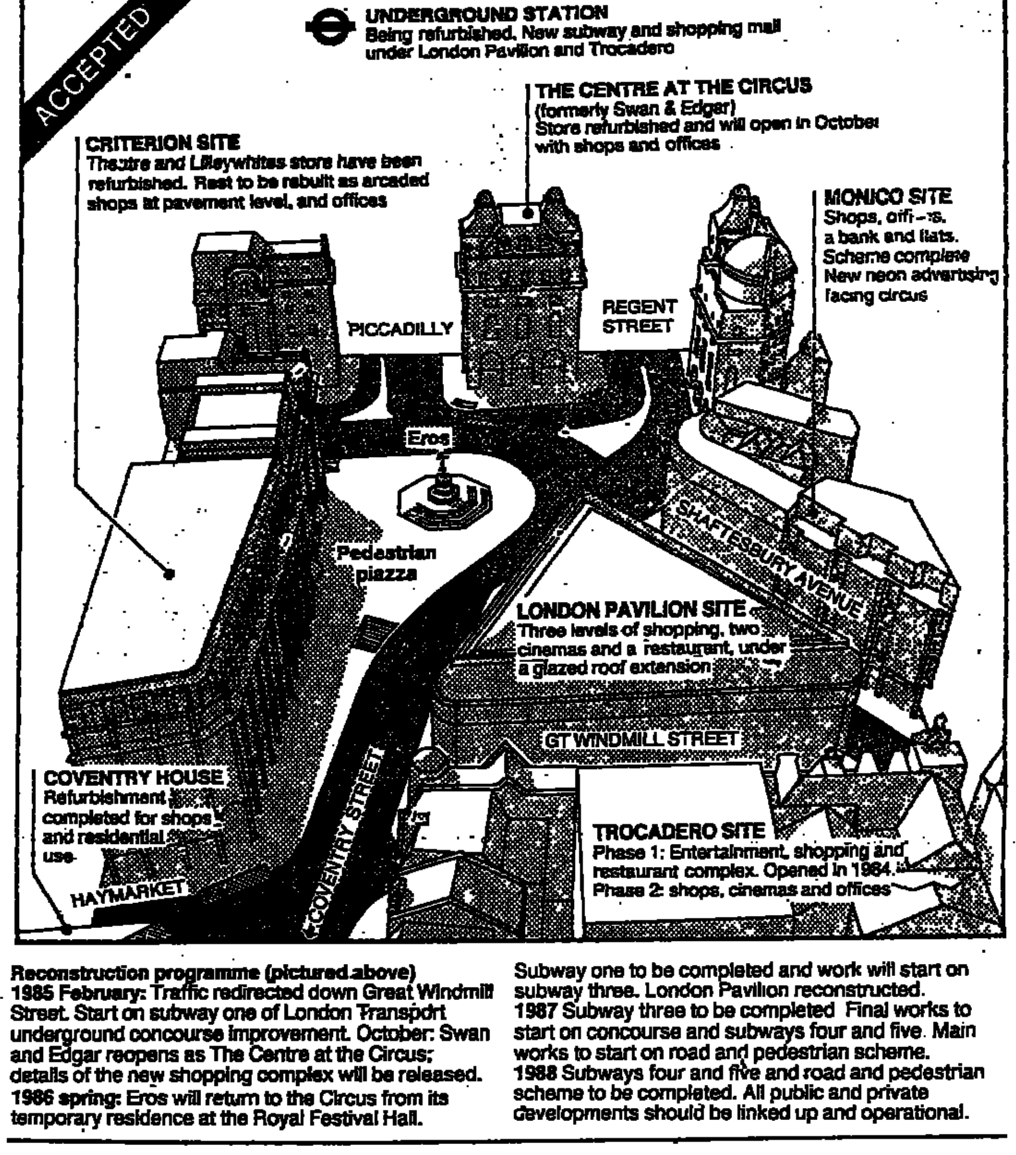
A 1972 scheme, a modified version of the 1968 one, was greeted with even greater howls of protest than Cotton's and was immediately abandoned. Then, in 1974, the GLC planning committee accepted a plan which would leave the circus visually amost untouched. That formed the basis of what started to become the reality of Piccadilly Circus's future from 1980 onwards.

The circus has been saved from the depths of depravity which only a little while ago threatened its livelihood as one of London's most popular meeting places and tourist attractions. Let's hope that some of the old character of the place will remain along with its familiar facades. For what it has always possessed – and is one of its most endearing qualities – is an "honest vulgarity" impossible to recreate artificially.

PICCADILLY CIRCUS FROM 1819 TO PRESENT DAY

1819 Regent Circus South, an elegant circle of town houses, built by John Nash.
1874 The Criterion opened.
1880 *Renamed Piccadilly Circus.*
1885 London Pavilion opened.
1886 Shaftesbury Avenue opened. *Shaftesbury Memorial* commissioned.
1893 Alfred Gilbert's memorial unveiled.
1896 Lyons opened Trocadero.
1903 Treasury set up a committee to decide the future of the circus. Architect Norman Shaw appointed and produced several schemes. Over the next 20 years much of the Piccadilly side and Regent Street quadrant rebuilt by Shaw's pupil Sir Reginald Blomfield, after stuccoed Nash terraces torn down.
1906 Piccadilly Circus underground station opened.
1925 The first set of electric traffic lights installed in the circus. Eros removed to Embankment Gardens for work to start on the reconstruction of the underground.
1928 Charles Holden's underground station reopens. Rebuilt Café Royal opens.
1931 Eros returned to a site slightly east of its original location.
1939 Eros removed to Cooper's Hill, Egham, at the outbreak of war.
1947 Eros returned to the Circus.
1958 London County Council discusses its scheme for the comprehensive redevelopment of Piccadilly Circus with developers.
1959 *The Times* published an artist's impression of the new office block for the Monico site, causing a public furore. Turned down after a public inquiry.
1962 Sir William Holford commissioned by the LCC to produce an overall plan. The Government rejected it.
1965 Sir William (now Lord) Holford reappointed to write second report, published in 1966.
1968 Public exhibition of latest modified plan, including a 435ft tower on the Criterion site, an upside-down ziggurat on the Trocadero site, and Eros perched on a pedestrian deck.
1972 Westminister mount second public exhibition. Uproar. Scheme abondoned.
1973 New brief published by Westminster, giving four different options.
1974 GLC planning committee recommend asceptance of the "latest change" layout.
1977 London Pavilion cleaned and repainted for Queen's Silver Jubilee and listed for preservation.
1980 Current scheme finally approved by the GLC. All familar landmarks retained. The key sites redeveloped behind existing facades. Eros relocated closer to the Criterion and as the focus of a new pedestrian piazza. Traffic rerouted. Underground station to be completely modernised to handle 30 million people a year and new subways and access points provided from the circus above. Pedestrian area at ground level increased by almost two-thirds. Below ground a network of shopping malls will connect all the sites with the underground station. Completion due in 1988.

John Grimwade


ACCEPTED
UNDERGROUND STATION
Being refurbished. New subway and shopping mall under London Pavilion and Trocadero
THE CENTRE AT THE CIRCUS
(formerly Swan & Edgar)
Store refurbished and will open in October with shops and offices
CRITERION SITE
Theatre and Lilleywhites store have been refurbished. Rest to be rebuilt as arcaded shops at pavement level, and offices
MONICO SITE
Shops, offices, a bank and flats. Scheme complete New neon advertising facing circus
PICCADILLY
REGENT STREET
Eros
Pedestrian piazza
SHAFTESBURY AVENUE
LONDON PAVILION SITE
Three levels of shopping, two cinemas and a restaurant, under a glazed roof extension
GT WINDMILL STREET
COVENTRY HOUSE
Refurbishment completed for shops and residential use
COVENTRY STREET
HAYMARKET
TROCADERO SITE
Phase 1: Entertainment, shopping and restaurant complex. Opened in 1984.
Phase 2: shops, cinemas and offices

Reconstruction programme (pictured above)
1985 February: Traffic redirected down Great Windmill Street. Start on subway one of London Transport underground concourse improvement. October: Swan and Edgar reopens as The Centre at the Circus; details of the new shopping complex will be released.
1986 spring: Eros will return to the Circus from its temporary residence at the Royal Festival Hall. Subway one to be completed and work will start on subway three. London Pavilion reconstructed.
1987 Subway three to be completed Final works to start on concourse and subways four and five. Main works to start on road and pedestrian scheme.
1988 Subways four and five and road and pedestrian scheme to be completed. All public and private developments should be linked up and operational.

The trial of having to prove you really mean to marry

Balwinder Kaur is 19, a tall, thin, timid Sikh girl. She comes from a large family of eight brothers and sisters in Dartford. Her father, Gurmit Singh, arrived in England from the Punjab in 1963 and worked in a processing plant in Kent until it closed down three years ago. He is now unemployed. Balwinder Kaur has only once been to India.

In the mid-1970s Gurmit Singh, having arranged marriages for his two elder daughters, started looking out for a good match for his third girl. There was never any question that it would be anything other than an arranged marriage – the custom in all Sikh households.

"My grandfather, my father, I myself – *not one of us saw our wives before the wedding day*", says Gurmit Singh.

In 1977 he heard good reports of a boy in New Delhi. So when later that year the family travelled to India, he visited the boy and his mother and introduced them to Balwinder Kaur. The two children appeared to like each other, the match seemed right and Gurmit Singh returned to Dartford content. "He was just the kind of boy for me, Smart. Good looking. Educated. And I knew that he had a cousin in Leicester with a clothing factory where he could find work."

The usual steps then followed. Photographs were exchanged and letters began arriving from the boy. In January, 1978, he wrote to Balwinder: "Accept my hellos with love. What you have written to me about travelling in an aeroplane makes me so happy. I have great hopes of travelling the same." Early in 1980, he started signing himself "your life's partner".

By then all formalities had been concluded; the engagement was official, sealed by a gift of fruit and money. On April 17, 1982, Balwinder Singh – the two young people share the same first name – applied to the British *High Commission in* New Delhi for entry clearance to come to the United Kingdom, to marry his fiancée.

Downcast: *Gurmit Singh with daughter Balwinder Kaur*

It was then that the two families fell foul of one of the more Byzantine and discriminatory of the British immigration laws: the "primary purpose" ruling. Up until 1983 the British official giving entry clearance in, say, New Delhi, could do so unless he had reason to believe that the first interest of the man requesting it was not marriage but settlement in Britain. Under the new ruling, spurred on by those wanting to cut immigration and fearful of rising unemployment, the burden of proof has swung full circle: the official must now refuse entry unless the applicant can convince him that his first reason for marriage is not that he wishes to settle in the UK.

Women, by contrast, whether wives or fiancées, continue to have few difficulties. Stefanie Grant, of the United Kingdom Immigrants Advisory Service, says the "primary purpose" hurdles and confusions are causing considerable anxiety within immigrant communities. People fear that their daughters born in Britain, speaking only English, could never fit in the unfamiliar world of the Indian subcontinent, and that if the rules are rigidly applied they are going to undermine their entire marriage customs.

Balwinder Singh did not do well at his interview. According to the report of the New Delhi Entry Clearance Officer, he knew little of his prospective family. The report claimed that he said that with such an arranged marriage "he could improve his economic circumstances" and that this was "the principal reason for seeking admission to the UK". The official refused entry clearance.

The debate moved next to the office of the Immigration Officers in Gravesend. Here, in the summer of 1983, Gurmit Singh and his daughter were summoned to give their version of events. Gurmit Singh remembers the occasion with horror. "It was like a dictatorship talking. They tried to upset everything we said. They asked Balwinder Kaur if she had ever seen the boy. She said yes. But the man did not seem to take much notice of this. I felt inferior."

Last month matters reached the Immigration Appeal Courts in London. The adjudicator was Mr E. H. T. Housden and there was a presenting officer for the Home Office and Peter Moss, from the UKIAS, representing Balwinder Singh. Mr Housden was to rule on whether Balwinder Singh's "primary purpose" was to marry his fiancée, or to gain entry to the UK; and on whether, as the rules require the two had ever "met".

The question of this "meeting", in particular, was important. Having recently ruled against a young couple who had met only at the ages of four and two, he wanted to make it plain that someone had to satisfy him that a meeting had taken place "within the context of marriage". The subtleties of this argument and distinction, for people for whom marriage can be contracted only by arrangement, were, not surprisingly, obscure.

Balwinder Kaur read her affirmation, in a whispered rush. Mr Housden asked Peter Moss whether the girl spoke English. He was told that Balwinder Kaur had been born, raised and done all her schooling in England, and thus spoke nothing else. "Regrettably", declared Mr Housden, "that does not follow. There are people from Bangladesh and Poland who have been here for 25 years who speak no English."

"The whole tone is so demeaning," said Peter Moss afterwards. "It's as if people forget: Miss Kaur is a British citizen." At the end, Mr Housden indicated that he felt he would apply the same yardstick as in his previous case, and would announce that, for immigration purposes, Balwinder Singh and his fiancee had never met in a marriage context: they had been 13 and 11 respectively in 1977.

If the case goes on to an Immigration Appeal Tribunal, and that fails, in theory at least, there is still one more hope for Balwinder Singh: he can apply for a judicial review in the Divisional Court. For it is here, before a judge, that just such a case, fallen at every hoop, has been sitting for some time. The outcome of Vinod Bhatia's appeal is being watched intently throughout the legal world: it is the first "primary purpose" ruling to reach the Divisional Court, and thus a test case.

Vijay Kumari is a divorced, 29-year-old Indian woman, a British citizen, with a 13-year-old daughter whose father advertised in the *Hindustani Times* in February, 1980, for a second husband for her, and received an answer from Vinod Bahtia in Delhi. At every step he has been refused entry clearance to come to Britain to marry her. At the Immigration Appeal Tribunal one member pronounced in favour of letting him come; the other two came down against. It is believed that on Wednesday Mr Justice Forbes will deliver judgment in the Divisional Court.

What lies at the heart of the case, of course, is not simply a matter of immigration ruling, but the way in which society views and treats the customs of its minority groups. Is it right that one society can impose its value judgments and attitudes towards marriage on the ancient traditions of another? One defence lawyer observed that it appears to be another example of "Britain's failure to care for and adapt to the immigrant communities that live here".

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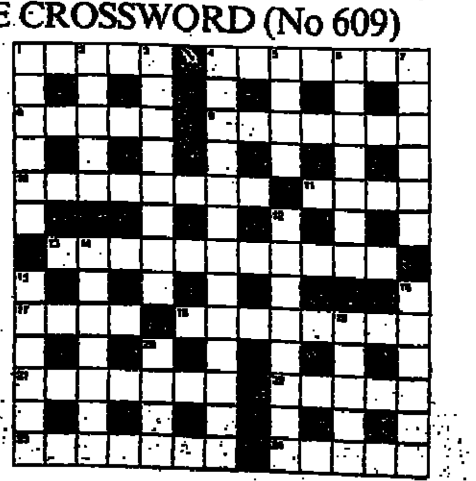

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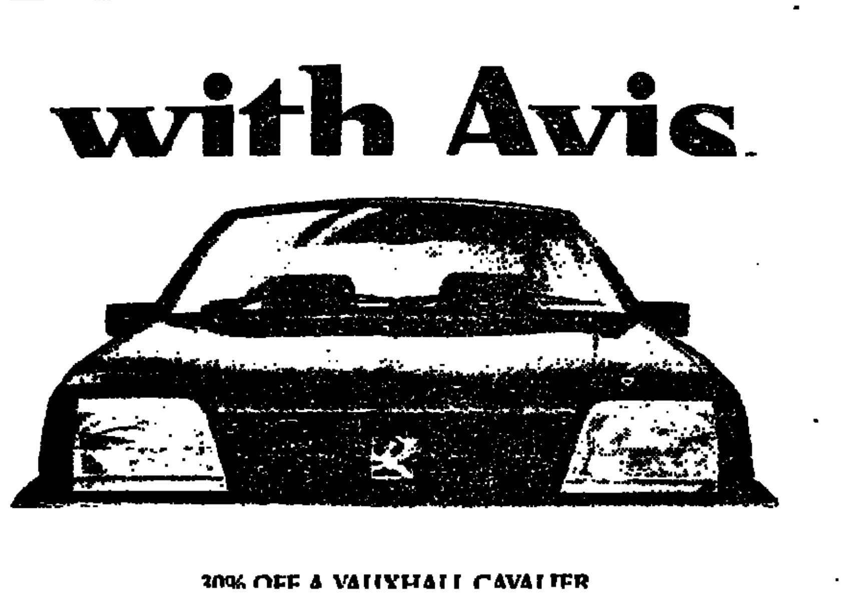

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MONDAY PAGE

Andrew and Sarah: Marriage has made him more relaxed, she's become more obsessive

Living in perfect pitch and two-part harmony

Pop composer Andrew Lloyd Webber's *Requiem*, featuring his wife Sarah, has become an overnight bestseller, both here and in the USA. **Sally Brompton** reports on their successful partnership

Andrew Lloyd Webber was in an unusually cheerful mood. His latest record had just reached number three in the hit parade and his old collaborator, Tim Rice, an acknowledged pop music expert, had rung to say that Frankie Goes To Hollywood was no competition.

The idea of Lloyd Webber's Latin mass, *Requiem*, competing with the outrageous Frankie Goes To Hollywood, was bizarre in the extreme. Even Lloyd Webber found it amusing... "Who would ever have thought...?"

Ever since *Requiem's* world premiere in New York five weeks ago – featuring opera superstar Placido Domingo, the composer's wife Sarah Brightman, 12-year-old chorister Paul Miles-Kingston, Lorin Maazel conducting the English Chamber Orchestra and the choir of Winchester Cathedral – the Lloyd Webbers have been living in a constant state of surprise. *Requiem* was, after all, Lloyd Webber's first major classical work and intended to be a rather personal thing, incorporating some of his most private feelings and dedicated to his late father, a leading church organist and director of the London College of Music.

> **❛ I don't listen to much music. Most of the time I worry about my own❜**

That very morning sales of the single, released only seven days earlier, had reached some 40,000 causing the record company's computer to overload. The album is currently America's best-selling classical work and number five in the British charts. On Wednesday the BBC is screening the New York premiere in its entirety on *Omnibus*.

Thirty-seven-year-old Andrew Lloyd Webber spent a year wrestling with his *Requiem*, locked away in the music room of his country mansion on the edge of Watership Down, near Newbury, Berkshire, while his young bride practised her operatic scales down the corridor.

He still gets annnoyed at suggestions that Sarah got the soprano role because she is his wife. In fact, he insists, it was conductor Lorin Maazel's decision after they had discussed "six really established sopranos" for the part. Maazel felt that Sarah was right to achieve the correct blend of sound for the *Pie Jesu*, the movement which has been released as a single. "I did privately agree", admits Lloyd Webber.

It is a year since they married in secret, averting the kind of tabloid headlines that had chronicled their romance. Sarah had been in Lloyd Webber's record-breaking musical *Cats* but it was not until nine months after she left the cast that they fell in love. Andrew's moment of truth came when he heard her singing Rachmaninov in Russian. The Married Multi-Millionaire Composer Falls For Married Chorus Girl headlines kept their romance in the public eye for months.

Few of the gossip writers were kind to Sarah. The insinuations that Sarah, a former Hot Gossip dancer, was intent upon furthering her career hurt. "I must have been very naive", says Sarah today. "I thought people would be a lot fairer than that."

Andrew recognised the potential problems arising from their marriage long before she did. "My only concern for Sarah has been that marrying me will make it very much more difficult for her to be appreciated in her own right", he says. "Before I knew her, she had already had excellent reviews. I'm sure the majority of people would be very very keen to go and see Sarah do something like one of the lighter Mozart parts – let's say in a year or two, because she's still a baby when it comes to opera."

Having her singing in *Requiem* increased his normal anxiety before the first performance in front of the New York glitterati at St Thomas's Church on Fifth Avenue, although he insists: "I was not nervous about Sarah not being able to perform it. Anyone who could dance *Cats* for 500 performances is capable of delivering technically because of the discipline that's there. But I was obviously keen that she should be accepted in her own right." Sarah seems less concerned about the sceptics. "They did upset me initially but I think that if you believe you're good and that you've got something, you're going to use it anyway."

Soprano stars: Sarah Lloyd Webber and Paul Miles-Kingston

Marriage has changed them both. "I want to work towards things more than I've ever wanted to in my life", she says. "I could spend all day just learning things. Andrew gets so twitchy after a few days if he's not working and I suppose that's rubbed off on me a little bit."

She notices that Andrew has become more relaxed with other people. It is something she envies, being shy herself. She dreads having to entertain Andrew's friends and business associates. "I get really scared before people come round. I have to force myself to speak and tend to gabble."

Andrew Lloyd Webber's reputation as the most successful composer of musicals in the world today leaves him outwardly unmoved. "I don't seek it and I don't think about it. I'll write exactly what I want to when I feel I'm ready to do it. I think if you did worry about that you'd be analysing forever what you should do next and then you'd get it wrong."

Certainly, if he had been planning a production to rival the likes of *Jesus Christ Superstar*, *Evita*, *Cats* or *Starlight Express* he would never have written *Requiem*. "I thought it would probably do a bit better than a major classical release but I never thought it would have any major pop appeal", he says.

It is a measure of both his talent and the magic of the Lloyd Webber name that this Latin dirge should be proving him so dramatically wrong. *Requiem* has been compared to the works of 27 different composers, four of whom he had never even heard. "I really am less aware of serious music than a lot of people think", he says. "Apart from a few composers I enjoy, I don't listen to any music much. I spend most of my time worrying about my own."

In fact his musical background is classical although his love has always been for the popular stage musical. He considers *Cats* to be "by far the greatest successful musical I've ever done." So far it has played 1,500 performances in London and 1,000 in New York without an empty seat. "It's one of those odd, once-in-a-lifetime things", he says. "I'll never be able to write anything better." One enthusiast recently paid £8000 for two seats to see the London show.

Lloyd Webber was a millionaire at 30 but he gets increasingly irritated by stories about his "fabulous" wealth. Estimates that he makes £1m a week from his shows and compositions are "ridiculous", he says. "There are always three noughts added to the figures. Four productions of *Cats* may be running in America and Canada at the moment grossing between them an enormous amount of money but I've got only three per cent of it."

He is beginning to turn his creative thoughts towards the cinema – perhaps a musical version of *The Phantom of the Opera* starring his wife. Sarah's influence has made him increasingly fascinated by opera as a musical form, and he was intrigued to discover that there is "almost an extra octave to play with" when you are dealing with a trained operatic voice. He senses the stirrings of a "tremendous new appreciation of opera among younger people and the public at large".

On the scent of the gourmet men

PENNY PERRICK

Do you wish to go around smelling like a well-stocked larder? Then you will be interested in the launch this spring of a new unisex eau de cologne. Made by Dana, it is called Herbissimo and comes in two fragrances: Mediterranean Marjoram and Mountain Juniper.

Why anyone should wish to smell of food rather than flowers would have remained a mystery to me were it not for a telephone conversation I had with Erin Pizzey, who is currently playing the role of the Wise Woman of New Mexico. Proof that virtue is not just its own reward, Erin, having given some of the best years of her life to the thankless task of trying to curb domestic violence, is now ensconced in a sunlit paradise alternating the production of bestselling novels with giving advice to the local lovelorn.

The reason for her telephone call was to tell me the date of her next visit to London; but we were soon into our favourite topic of Whither Relationships? on which Erin had some hot news. It seems that the flower of American manhood has taken to going away on stag weekends during which they ski, drink and *cook each other gourmet meals*.

And their excuse for this sort of thing, they claim, is that "as a result of the women's movement, we've all learned to cook". "You see", said the wise woman of New Mexico, "this just proves that men don't fight; they just run away". And it also proves that Herbissimo, dabbed behind a woman's ears, could be a runaway success.

Up till now, perfume manufacturers have got it all wrong. Take the way Chanel No 19 is advertised: "The outspoken Chanel. Witty. Confident. Devastatingly feminine". Since when have all those strutting qualities been a man's ideal of perfect womanhood? Since never. Better for brash little Chanel 19 to be promoted as "The timid Chanel. Tongue-tied. Insecure. Sexually non-aggressive".

> **❛ The flower of American manhood is going away on stag weekends❜**

At least No 19 has a pretty unterrifying title, as far as the stag-weekend gourmets are concerned, which is more than can be said for Amour, Amour, or, most alarming of all, White Shoulders. The scent trade seems to have forgotten that men like only what they already know about and very few of them these days are familiar with unbridled passion. Any woman who goes around in wafts of a fragrance which suggests torrid desire and black satin negligées is just asking for the man she has her eye on to run away to the nearest men-only ski lodge and the comfort of his Magimix.

Smelling gorgeous could now be regarded as a legitimate threat to heterosexual familiarity, so thank goodness for Mediterranean Marjoram, not to mention Mountain Juniper. Imagine, at a party, a young man is being introduced to a young woman. He is just about to slither away and head for the kitchen and a lengthy examination of his hostess's vegetable rack when he is aware of a delicious aroma filling his nostrils, immediately bringing home to him memories of the haunch of venison with crushed juniper for supper the previous weekend. "I say", he whispers to the young woman, conscious of the scent of juniper rising from her decolletage, "I wonder if you would like to come back to my place and see my custom-made knife block".

It could mean a comeback for intimacy, as once we knew it, especially if Herbissimo expands its range to include True Thyme, Promise of Paprika and Whisper of Vinegar.

Sir Terence Conran has told me off, very politely, for saying that he wanted the sales assistants in his newly acquired Richard Shops to look prettier than the customers. He said it wasn't like that at all and put me straight on to Mr Tony Stafford of Richard Shops so I could find out his exact requrements.

Mr Stafford assured me that there was no age limit and no size limit apart from the proviso that "we like our staff to be nice to look at. It is essential that they have fashion sense and a hair-style commensurate with the type of merchandise that we sell."

Alas, that was not all that Mr Stafford said. With charming enthusiasm, he proceeded to tell me that his staff were urged to treat customers as though they were "guests at a party" and that on one occasion training officers had worn party hats and a "bubbly" atmosphere had prevailed. Worse still, he didn't want his sales assistants to feel like sales assistants and so they were kitted out in the shops' own merchandise, albeit in sizes 8-16. Perversely, perhaps, I want sales assistants to feel and to act like sales assistants during shop-opening hours. I would also like them plainly dressed in something rather out of date. Deprived of this fantasy, I might feel mean enough to rush down to Richard Shops, corner a perfectly coiffed, fashion-conscious size 18 assistant and kill the party atmosphere stone dead by asking for "something similar to what your're wearing but four sizes smaller."

TOMORROW

Shirty looks – the big fashion theme this summer for men and women

How high should a well-heeled woman go?

The Princess of Wales and the Prime Minister are leading the footwear revival

The barometer of fashion and finance, magazine editors are wont to say, is the hemline. When skirt-lengths drop, so the legend goes, so do the *Financial Times* Index, the economy, and the chaps standing on window-ledges in Wall Street. When hemlines rise, the reverse occurs – usually too late to prevent the thud of falling bodies, but then money can't do everything.

Recently, however, haruspices of the social and political scenes have noticed a new erroneous zone: the heel. Why, they are asking each other worriedly, are the shoes of both Mrs Thatcher and the Princess of Wales getting higher? Does it signify soaring inflation, new self-confidence or the collapse of feminism?

The decline of the high heel, it must be remembered, started in 1979, the year Mrs Thatcher came to office. Before then, heels had been steadily rising for the last 30 years. Wedges, stilettos, Cubans, even clogs had all had their way.

If heels represented anything, it was class: the higher the heel, the lower the level of society to which the wearer belonged. (I once worked in a shop in the Burlington Arcade during a Long Vac, and was told: "It doesn't matter what the rest of them looks like, look at their shoes. Shoes always tell you exactly how much someone is worth, and the heels where they come from. The rest is window-dressing." This piece of snobbery has proved annoyingly shrewd.)

The Princess of Wales in 1981 and more recently; Mrs Thatcher in 1975 and 1984

Mrs Thatcher, as was proper for a Tory matron, would be seen wearing heels of a modest height – sometimes, regrettably, with a band of shiny metal at the top. For a while, nobody took any notice. Then the future Princess of Wales started to be photographed everywhere, and women rushed out to chop their locks and repeal heels. The calf-muscles were discovered as a suitable source of alternative agony to the back.

"Never again!" we squawked delightedly, liberated from the tyranny of adding inches to our stature with all the enthusiasm our mothers had displayed in burning their bras. Soon the only people to be seen abusing their soles were Elton John and Martin Amis: the former, stuck in a Seventies time-warp, perched atop a pair of platforms in the manner of King Kong on the Empire State Building; the latter droning pages of his neo-Nabokovian prose to audiences riveted by the tiny ironist's *bottines*.

A new mood of fervent athleticism swept the nation. Books such as Adam Nicholson's *Long Walks* were published and well-received by reviewers groaning as they eschewed the taxi. Everyone rushed out to buy running shoes for jogging and aerobics; one was supposed to make conversation at cocktail parties about the respective merits of Adidas and Nike.

Inflation fell to 5%, heels to half an inch. Even skipping enjoyed a brief vogue.

The climacteric for the low heel arrived in the Falklands, when soldiers yomped to victory at Goose Green. In the aftermath of self-congratulation, complaints were registered about the quality of Army footwear. Scientists assured us they were now working day and night on the Ultimate Boot, which would let sweat out but not water in.

Slowly, however, the tide began to turn. As inflation rose, so did heels. The first sign of a break from the flattie phalanx came from the Princess of Wales herself after her tour of Australia – when the Princess confided she had started to feel grown-up. Not to be outdone, Mrs Thatcher's heels also started to climb: by the time of her re-election they were a full half-inch higher than the year before.

Perversely, both Elton John and Martin Amis chose the same time to abandon the platform shoe. Soon after, Mr Jim Fixx the "high priest of jogging" dropped dead of a heart-attack in America, and it became impossible to find any shoe with less than a one-inch appendage at the back. However, Mrs Thatcher has continued to outstrip everyone else. At a recent sighting, her characteristic walk – that of someone peering through a Force 10 gale – was enhanced by heels no less than two-and-a-half inches high, fully three quarters of an inch more than at the start of the miners' strike. Mr Scargill may whinge about jackboots, but the real question now is: how much longer can she go on before being toppled?

Amanda Craig

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Cafod, Christian Aid and Oxfam have each made initial grants of £5,000 to this fund.

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THE TIMES DIARY

Not quite so Special

The Commons Home Affairs committee doubtless congratulated itself on diverting attention from its anodyne draft report on the Special Branch by having me referred to the Committee of Privileges for leaking it. Now that the fuss is over, however, and PHS has been found "in serious contempt of the House", I shall return to that report. Much has been happening while my attention was diverted. The original draft report, which made not the slightest criticism of the Special Branch, has been scrapped. It has been replaced by a version that expresses mild concern about allegations made in the banned Channel 4 *20/20 Vision* programme, but is still too bland to mollify the committee's Labour MPs. One of them, David Winnick, has produced a minority report that is overtly critical of the Special Branch but stands no chance of being adopted. Another may produce a compromise report that would say the committee has reached no definite conclusions but will keep the subject under review. For "whitewash", substitute "fudge".

Stop press

The fuss may be over, but members of the privileges committee, whose proceedings were also leaked to me, remain highly sensitive to the charge that they could have been the leaker. Witness one exchange recorded by *Hansard* last week. John Biffen, chairman of the privileges committee, said during a debate that he was sure the matter under discussion "will feature in the *Times* diary tomorrow". "Too late," interjected Tory MP Gerry Malone, meaning that the diary's deadline for that day had already passed. "I am grateful for that comment, which reveals the innocence of my relationship with the *Times* diary," remarked Biffen.

● **How transitory is fame. In the Seventies Roddy Llewellyn was Princess Margaret's celebrated escort. On Saturday he was to be found in Clapham opening the Hambalt Contact Centre playgroup jumble sale.**

Fidel's guest

Ken Livingstone will not be around to see if the Lords savage the GLC abolition bill – as they did the paving bill – during its crucial second reading on April 15. To the consternation of his campaign unit, he leaves at Easter for a two-week holiday in Cuba. With Brent East set to select him as its parliamentary candidate at the end of the month, could it be that his interest in the GLC is waning?

All clear

Macmillan published – and have now been damned. The book was *David Lodge's novel Out of the Shelter;* the year, 1970. Last week Secker republished the novel, and Lodge uses the introduction to chronicle with ill-disguised glee Macmillan's bunglings. The text was "drastically cut", he recalls, and, for speed and economy, was set by computer. Three times publication had to be delayed. The book was finally published at the worst possible time of year for reviews. He had great trouble getting an advance copy. When he did, he found it "riddled" with "grotesquely obvious" misprints and textual errors; the computer had been unable to cope with italics; the lines were bumpy and the spacing uneven. "In short, it was the most hideous piece of printing that I had ever set eyes on," writes Lodge. Revenge is evidently sweet.

BARRY FANTONI

'Personally I thought the wax version showed more life'

Barbed wires

The Foreign Affairs Select Committee is intrigued by a rare display of hesitancy by Sir Geoffrey Howe. Two weeks ago, after a unanimous vote, it asked him for all telexes sent from Lima and Washington to the Foreign Office during the crucial weekend in 1982 when the Belgrano was sunk. These would prove whether – as Alexander Haig claims and Francis Pym denies – Britain and Argentina had agreed the Peruvian peace plan in principle before it was scuppered by the sinking, and whether – as Haig also claims – our man in Peru, Charles Wallace, "was in on every bit of the negotiations". So far the committee has heard nothing from Sir Geoffrey. Curiously, Clive Ponting also asked for the telexes when compiling the "Crown Jewels"; he received only those sent *after* the sinking.

PHS

What prospects for Peacock?

by Ian Trethowan

When the BBC asked for a £65 licence fee last autumn, I was frequently asked how much I thought it would get. I replied, £58. Clairvoyance? Another Whitehall leak? No, cynicism born from personal experience of several licence fee negotiations.

Over the years the exercise has followed a well-worn pattern. The BBC works out what fee it needs to meet the increased cost of its current operations – £x. It knows, however, that if it asks for precisely that figure it will only get £x minus 4 or 5. It therefore adds another £5 or so to pay for various measures of expansion which are highly desirable but not essential, and announces that it wants a licence fee of £x + 5.

Shock, horror. Politicians denounce it, the newspapers write caustic leaders and tell their reporters to dig up examples of BBC extravagance. Various draconian alternatives are paraded. One by one each alternative is found to be impracticable and in the end the Government grudgingly concedes a licence fee of £x, give or take the odd pound, depending on whether the BBC has done something silly during the crucial weeks of decision.

Four years ago the BBC asked for a £50 licence fee. It assumed the Government would grant something in the mid 40s, and the final figure of £46 was thought at the time reasonably comfortable for a period when inflation was moving down to around 5 per cent.

What has happened over the intervening years is instructive. Broadcasting costs have risen much more quickly than general inflation, and the reason is not far to seek. The ITV companies have a monopoly of television advertising, so they can charge the advertisers what they like. This means they can make a lot of money but it also means they can be held to ransom by their unions. If the BBC is to compete for the talent and skill it needs, it has to keep at least within sight of ITV levels.

This is where the Peacock Committee might usefully begin its inquiry. The financing of the BBC is inseparable from that of ITV and Channel 4. Together they form a matrix which, for all its weaknesses, still provides the best television in the world. Try to change one piece too drastically, and the whole system *could* fall apart.

I suspect the BBC has again been lucky in its Home Secretary. Like Lord Whitelaw before him, Mr Brittan is a fair-minded man. Unlike *The Times* – which called for an inquiry and proposed that the BBC should be dismembered – Mr Brittan seems to have agreed that, pending the outcome of the inquiry, it was sensible to let the BBC maintain at least its existing services.

The BBC will now have to refight over a longer period some of the battles it has been waging through the winter. Why can't it take advertising, at least on Radio 1, and perhaps on BBC 1? Why doesn't it leave local radio to the commercial stations? Why does it try to compete at breakfast time?

One sympathizes with the advertising agencies over the ITV monopoly of television commercials. The answer is not to force the BBC to take advertising, however, but to split ITV and Channel 4 so that they would compete for advertising revenue. Channel 4 should now be strong enough to hold its own in the marketplace.

If the BBC were forced to take advertising, even if at first only in one area, all experience shows that it would in due course spread right across the service. No government would ever again increase the licence fee; indeed there would be pressure to cut it. If the BBC were forced to compete for advertising with the independent sector both would be driven to reach down for the lowest common denominator, particularly during peak hours.

Sponsorship might be difficult. A number of BBC programmes are half-sponsored already. Few of the big sports events would attract commercial sponsors if the firms concerned were not assured of television coverage. When BBC programmes are broadcast on American television there is often a commercial sponsor of that particular slot.

Clearly it would not be acceptable for BP to sponsor a documentary on the oil industry or Boots one on drugs, but it would be harmless for either to help pay for a series of classical plays. There would be a danger that programme schedules would be dictated by the requirements of sponsorship rather than by pure editorial and creative standards, but already the shape of the schedules is sharply affected by financial considerations. How much sponsorship money might be available is unknown – perhaps not a lot – but at least it might help in the most prestigious programme areas. The BBC could do with a *Brideshead* or a *Jewel in the Crown*.

As the growth of the little community stations is showing, radio's distinctive role today is to serve smaller communities that could never be covered viably by television. The BBC should maintain its presence there, if necessary by economising on network radio, not least because the local stations are crucial to the BBC's national news service. Personally I would not object to putting the BBC's stations at further arm's length from Portland Place, and then allowing them to take some advertising, but outside the main conurbations this could seriously damage the commercial radio stations and the local press. In many areas it is hard enough to sustain one commercial radio station, let alone two.

As for breakfast television, the BBC was itself initially reluctant to open up at breakfast time. As the morning after the Brighton bombing showed very clearly, however, if there was to be any television at that time then a national broadcasting organization had to be on the air.

Whether the programmes offered at that time have to be as trite as *Breakfast Time* is another matter. A programme on the lines of the excellent *Six O'Clock News* might not have attracted as many viewers, but it would have been more politically defensible, and it might not so summarily have torpedoed poor Peter Jay's decent ambitions for TV-am.

Whether the Peacock committee's terms of reference will allow it to look at the licence fee system as a whole is not clear. Mr Stuart Young's plea for broadening the base of the licence fee is worth studying. A car radio licence, in particular, would be easily enforceable and would bring in a respectable income.

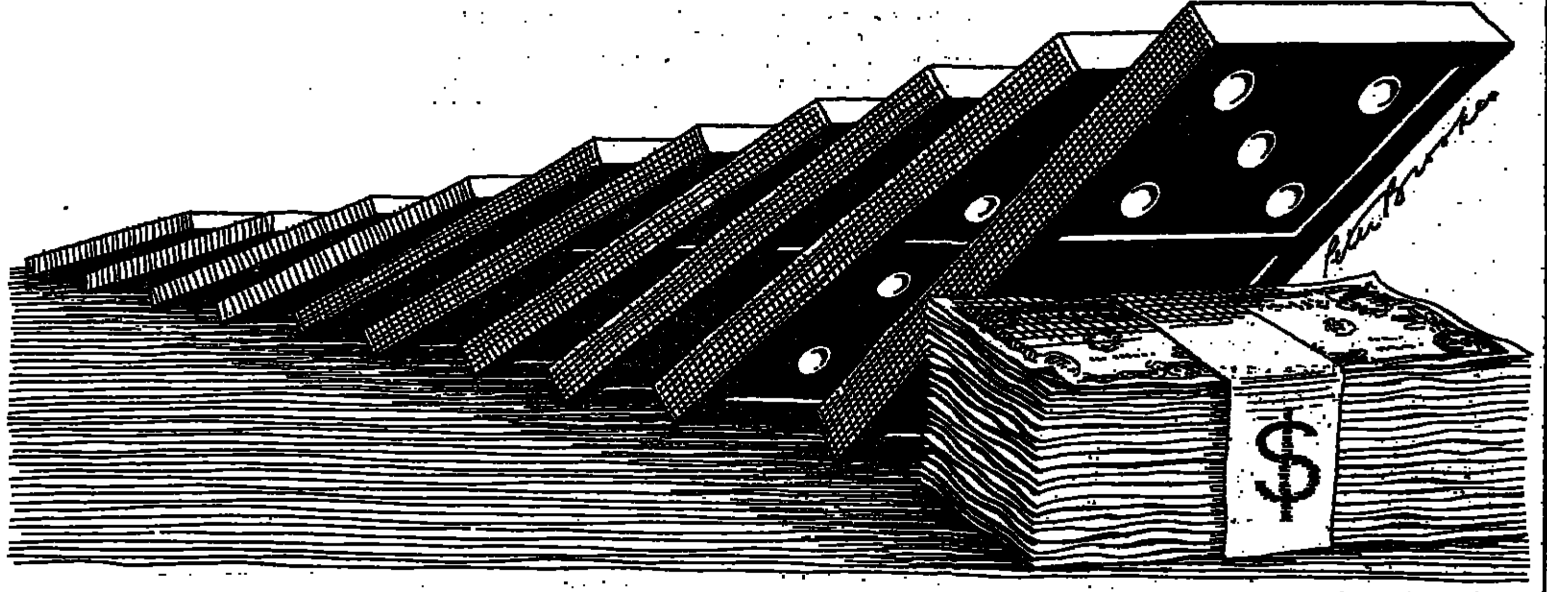
I remain convinced that there is not much mileage in the BBC taking advertising and that the licence fee system should be maintained. In that case I hope there will be some fresh thinking about the way the level is fixed. When I was Director General I proposed that, as in West Germany, the BBC's applications should be studied by an independent review body equipped both to judge the BBC's efficiency and to make some measured assessment of its aspirations. Its recommendations would not be binding – the ultimate decision on any matter of taxation must rest with Parliament – but at least Parliament would have before it a careful, thorough evaluation.

At first I drew some private encouragement from Whitehall, but in the end the idea was laid gently to rest in some official pigeonhole. It would be difficult to choose the members of such a body, I was told, and the more authoritative they were, the more they would in practice circumscribe Parliament's choice.

If sensible decisions are to be taken about the role of the BBC, and indeed about broadcasting in general, some less capricious system needs to be devised for dealing with its finances. Beeb-bashing is a well established national sport, and the corporation should not be too sensitive. The power exercised on a modern society by what can appear on its television sets is so awesome, however, that changes in the major broadcasting institutions should only be attempted on the basis of the most thorough and careful study.

Sir Ian Trethowan was Director General of the BBC 1977-82.

As El Salvador polls, John Carlin reports a turn in the civil war



The domino that refuses to fall

San Salvador.
It can finally be stated with confidence. The army, beefed up by American aid, has taken the initiative in El Salvador's civil war. At present, a guerrilla victory is out of the question: even if peace talks are resumed, the guerrillas lack the military muscle to insist on political concessions.

The guerrillas themselves, moderates first, now the hardliners, accept that it is time to revise strategy. "We thought before that total triumph was possible, but we have come to terms with reality," said Ruben Zamora, spokesman of the guerrillas' political wing, the Democratic Revolutionary Front (FDR), in an interview last October.

Now the most senior military commander and the most hardheaded ideologue in the Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front (FMLN), Joaquin Villalobos, is no longer talking of final victory. Resistance is the new order of the day.

In an interview broadcast a week ago on the rebel radio station, Venceremos, Villalobos indicated that the time had come to pursue new objectives. A year ago buoyant guerrillas were saying the army was on the point of collapse. At a news conference in Mexico City in January 1984 senior rebel leaders said they were "just one bridge away" from controlling the whole eastern half of the country.

Now Villalobos is instructing his combatants to dig in for a war of attrition. "We're going to drive them to despair," he declared on the radio. "We're in no hurry. We can resist as long as we need to."

At the end of 1983 guerrillas of the FMLN had evolved into an army. They massed in large numbers, attacked on broad fronts and between September and the end of the year drove government troops out of town after town and captured large amounts of American supplied weapons. Army officers appeared inept, soldiers' morale was low, and desertion common.

All that has changed. Joaquin Villalobos now talks of "expanding the theatre of military operations", no longer of controlling or liberating. A year ago a quarter of El Salvador was out of bounds to government troops. Today the army can, and does, operate throughout the whole of the country.

The guerrillas remain highly motivated and professional, but the army has improved "by a hundred per cent in the last year", according to one foreign military observer. Among the reasons have been a reshuffle of the army high command in December 1983, more experience among the officer corps (inevitably) in fighting a guerrilla war, and an end to the Salvadorean soldiers' nine-to-five working day.

Most decisive of all has been American aid, doubled to $196m in 1984. The Salvadorean armed forces have grown from 30,000 in 1983 to 42,000 today. Soldiers have gone on special American training courses.

The number of helicopters has doubled to more than 40: crucial in speeding the reaction of an army previously sluggish to come to the aid of colleagues under guerrilla attack. American air force reconnaissance planes fly nightly out of Honduras over Salvadorean territory, reporting instantly to the army high command in San Salvador on every detail of guerrilla movements.

Spectacular attacks, American military advisers concede, are still likely but will not be sustained. The army may occasionally reel, but will remain standing.

American aid, as Villalobos likes to point out, is the lifeblood of the new-style army. And for that they have President Duarte to thank. Since his election last year Duarte has masterfully transformed El Salvador's image abroad, in particular in the United States. Another factor that has worked against the guerrillas is the war-weariness of the Salvadorean people. An FMLN source in the capital said many of the guerrillas' previously loyal civilian supporters were beginning to seek refuge in the many camps set up nationwide to house El Salvador's 500,000 homeless. The potential for active support among the uncommitted, uncomprehending majority of the country's 4,500,000 people is more limited than ever.

There appear to be serious divisions among the guerrillas as to how they should proceed next. Villalobos is the leader of a faction of the FMLN called the People's Revolutionary Army (ERP), elite troops headed largely by middle-class ex-university students. In his radio interview, Villalobos provided only military answers to the FMLN's problems. He proposed, beside the war of attrition, a stepping up of violence in cities.

Urban terrorism has been a new development in recent months. Two senior army officers and six right-wing politicians have been victims of left-wing street murders.

The more popularly based FMLN group, the Forces of Popular Liberation (FPL) fears the Villalobos approach could lead to a right-wing backlash. FPL representatives in the capital say that if the rightist death squads – against whom Duarte has taken no action – should re-emerge they will win "the dirty war" as they did in 1980 and 1981.

The FPL, according to sources in San Salvador, wants to continue the war in the countryside to keep the army in a permanent state of tension, but ease up in the cities. The estimated 2,500-strong ERP, however, is unlikely to be persuaded. Accordingly there are many people in El Salvador who are preparing themselves for a new, less intensive, but nastier conflict.

Rates: where the Tories are really trembling

Scottish Conservatives have been badly shaken by the anger that rating revaluation has stirred among householders and small business owners in Scotland, and the impact it could have on support for the party. In many of the 21 Tory-held Scottish seats, MPs have been deluged with complaints from ratepayers whose bills have soared.

Lord Whitelaw rang alarm bells in Downing Street recently after an uncomfortable visit to the borders. A deputation of Scottish Tory MPs to the Prime Minister met with a sympathetic reception last week.

In Scotland there is a legal obligation to revalue every five years. The country has now suffered two reassessments since 1978, when industry took the heaviest burden. This time it was the turn of the domestic ratepayers, who had also to absorb an £84 million cut in rate support grant and the extra cost incurred by high-spending local authorities who are defying government guidelines.

Ratepayers have not been calmed by the insistence of Mr George Younger, Secretary of State for Scotland, that two-thirds of the increase could be pinned directly on "profligate" local authorities. The Scottish Office calculates that if all councils had kept to the guidelines the rates rise would have been an average of 6 per cent. Instead the average is closer to 18 per cent.

Neither has Scotland failed to note that England, where revaluation is a function of the Inland Revenue, has not had a rates review since 1973. The gross anomalies that have developed there in the last 12 years have grown into a nettle no government can be keen to grasp. Younger has tried to ease the burden for domestic ratepayers by raising relief from one penny to 8p in the pound, which meant increasing the rate subsidy from £14 million to £102 million. Even that does not lessen the feeling that the present Scottish system should be changed.

The dilemma in Scotland has increased by the fact that less than 30 per cent of the householders pay substantial rates. As they see it, Tory-inclined property owners are being hammered to pay for the activities of local authorities such as the left-wing Edinburgh District Council, which has spent over £45,000 of ratepayers' money on a campaign to persuade the people of Edinburgh of the benefits of "improving services and creating jobs". Edinburgh councillors are involved in a long-running argument with Mr Younger on the issue of rates and insist it is not their budget but the Government's reduction of rates support grant that has caused some valuations of domestic property to increase 300 per cent.

In the Borders valuations have been even higher where adjustments have taken account of previously low assessments.

The result has provoked the loudest outbursts from Scottish Tory MPs that Downing Street has ever heard, demands for a new system and help in the transitional period. One party supporter said: "You cannot exaggerate the impact this has had. It is the Tory faithful that are being hit hardest and they will vote with their feet unless the Government does something far more positive than a manifesto commitment to change."

There are four separate Tory groups and one independent group considering alternatives. The main candidates so far include poll tax, local income tax, a sales tax or direct central government funding. A poll tax has been strongly resisted by the Labour Party in Scotland partly because it would spread the load far beyond the 30 per cent of Scots who now pay rates.

A Tory supporter said: "Every idea has got a pretty strong lobby against it for some reasons but the system has to be changed when ordinary suburban homes suddenly attract a net rates bill of £1,600 a year in a Tory-controlled district and rate increases about double the personal allowance benefit received in the Budget."

With no relief in sight to the problem the Scottish Tory conference next month will be difficult enough for the party leadership, but even more daunting will be the Scottish regional elections in May 1986. There was an ominous indicator last week in the regional council by-election at North Kyle, which lies in Mr Younger's constituency of Ayr. The Tories lost the seat in an 11.6 per cent swing to Labour. The astonished Tory candidate put the blame entirely on the rates revaluation issue.

Ronald Faux

Anne Sofer

When home-grown is undermined

I have always noticed, reading 18th and 19th century English novels – and even early 20th century ones – how easily people of modest means seem to find somewhere to live in London. From the Nickleby family to H. G. Wells's Ann Veronica, they arrive as wide-eyed innocents in the big city and although they rapidly find its streets are not paved with gold, there is nonetheless a set of rooms or a "simple lodging" to be found after a few hours' enquiry.

Fiction may paint a rosy picture, of course, but the real recollections of older people who came to London 30 or more years ago attest to the greater flexibility of the past. The change is part of the long decline of the private rented sector, a matter of hot political debate. But whatever the cause, the trend is certainly proving hard to reverse: Conservative legislation attempting to do so has proved ineffective.

The huge gap that exists now in most of central London between council housing with long waiting lists and flats for sale at prices only the rich can afford is not just a problem for the individual concerned: it is a problem for society itself.

It is certainly not a problem that has come upon us unawares. It has been discussed for at least 20 years, and various experimental solutions have been tried. One of the earliest and most ambitious of these was the Fairhazel Housing Cooperative, whose brief history and present tribulations I write about this morning.

Fairhazel occupies a stretch of the late Victorian red-brick streets that run off to the west of the Finchley Road beyond Swiss Cottage. There are large bourgeois family houses, and some of the first purpose-built blocks of flats. Speaking tubes and boards of bell-indicators in the lofty kitchens attest to the social aspirations of the original residents, but by the middle of this century the area had come down in the world: it was the main area of settlement for Jewish refugees from Central Europe, and a popular young peoples' bedsitter land until it began to go up-market again a couple of decades ago.

Fairhazel was the first group to register as a cooperative under the 1974 Housing Act. The original members aspired to create an oasis of reasonably priced, self-managed property in what was rapidly becoming a very expensive area. In those more hopeful times it managed to inspire a degree of official support – even enthusiasm – that made its original establishment easy, compared to what came later. With funding from the Department of the Environment, channelled as a loan from the local borough, it acquired a portfolio of property now worth over £10 million. None of the members of the co-op has a personal stake in the capital, only rights as tenants and shared responsibilties to manage. Rents are set on a "fair rent" basis by the rent officer.

The buildings, like so much of the late 19th century building boom, were by this time in need of major renovation; and the Department of the Environment agreed that a five-stage improvement programme should begin, to be concluded by 1982. As they were converted the houses yielded more units through sub-division. These extra units, as well as casual vacancies, were offered to people who had waited for years on the council housing list and almost given up hope. Meanwhile, over the years the organization set up a playgroup, founded a magazine, laid out communal space for recreation, and generally became a beacon to the cooperative housing movement.

The development programme itself, however, has turned into a nightmare. There were lengthy wrangles at every stage over the costings, with DoE yardsticks eventually winning the day over local advice. The result is that, in no fewer than three of the four stages so far completed, dry-rot has had to be dealt with expensively after the properties had been retenanted. Arguments over the costing of the fifth stage are still dragging on, three years after the project was supposed to be completed.

Meanwhile, the bricks and mortar have found it impossible to wait for bureaucracy, and a corner of one building is sliding into the road. In September 1983 the district surveyor pronounced it a dangerous structure, served a notice on Fairhazel to demolish and rebuild, and ordered emergency scaffolding. It has been there ever since; the bill has been picked up by the DoE and amounts, so far, to £20,000. Thieves have found the scaffolding a great convenience and have climbed up to the roof and stolen the lead. An elderly couple, founder-members of the co-op who have patiently waited for their stage of the renovation to be reached, are sleeping in their top floor flat under tarpaulin.

Meanwhile the district surveyor has lost patience and is taking the co-op to court. If Fairhazel does not carry out the work, which it has every wish to do, it could be fined (bill to the DoE again) or forced to sell up. The burden of housing the evicted families would fall on the local authority, which already has a six-month backlog.

It is the impression of those who run Fairhazel that the DoE wants to help but has the cold breath of the Treasury blowing down its neck. The conversion work is expensive: that was known from the start when the department gave its approval in principle. The only possible way in which it could be made to pay in the short term would be for a developer to create luxury flats which foreign companies would buy for their visiting executives.

That would no doubt make sense to the Treasury: no charge on public funds, good for the export figures, just what the country needs. But who is weighing the social costs? And are those who disdain to do so – one must ask on this day of all days – the wise men or the fools?

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moreover . . . Miles Kington

As queasy as ABC . . .

In all the excitement over Aids, it is often forgotten that many other perfectly valid though less sensational ailments are being discovered by science all the time, and sometimes being invented by it as well. Here is an A to Z of the most recent.

Agoraphobia: the fear of Greek marketplaces, from "agora" meaning a Greek marketplace and "phobia," meaning a tendency to shut yourself up in your bedroom for weeks on end. Agora is also a small piece of Israeli money, and doctors have occasionally reported people who have a real fear of small Israeli coins. Only one case has been fatal – that of a person who was handed small Israeli coins in a Greek marketplace.

Biographia Nervosa: a compulsive desire on the part of actors and actresses to list every production they have ever been in for a theatre programme, without ever mentioning their date of birth.

Croydon Bends, The: an irrational feeling that one is on the wrong train, usually accompanied by a feeling that even if one is on the right train, it won't stop at the right station.

Dyslexia Personalis: *an inability* to master names. This usually takes the form of calling one's children by one's pet's names, or addressing present spouse by name of previous spouse, or not being able to remember which Lloyd-Webber is which.

Einstein's Fallacy: the persistent tendency to set out for an appointment at the very time one is meant to be there. In extreme cases the patient does not set out at all, but rings up to say he is ill.

Elevated Vision: the tendency to go around looking up. This is caused by having been harnessed, as a baby, in one of those carriers strapped to the parent's chest, so that you could see nothing except upwards. This also produces Heartbeat Deficiency.

Facsimilitis: the irrational belief that the nice pictures of people stuck up outside passport photo booths were actually taken in that booth.

Geneva Block: the chronic inability to understand why Ronald Reagan thinks it will help disarmament talks if he makes many more weapons first.

Heartbeat Deficiency: many babies, if they have been strapped close to their parent's chest, where they can hear their parent's heart beating, grow up convinced they need two heartbeats. This leads them to wear a personal stereo system, with the drummer playing the part of their missing mother. See **Personal Stereoitis.**

Infomania: the compulsion to stay behind in a cinema and read the credits to the bitter end.

Jacket Fallacy, The: the deluded belief that the photograph on a book jacket resembles the writer of the book, or indeed that the blurb resembles the contents.

Kington's Syndrome: the tendency to put passport, visa and tickets in a safe place and then mislay the safe place.

Labelitis: chronic over-moistening of the tongue, causing stamps to fall off envelopes.

Maggielomania: the delusion that everything one says is right.

Neil's Disease: the delusion that everything someone else says is wrong.

Owen's Syndrome: a pathological combination of the previous two.

Personal Stereoitis: the compulsion to wear personal stereos in trains and the belief that nobody else can hear them. The only cure is to throw the patient out of the train.

Questionitis: the compulsive belief that Magnus Magnusson already knew the answers to all the questions he asks on *Mastermind*, that Robert Robinson uses all the *Call My Bluff* words in everyday conversation, etc.

Rampant Paradoxia: the urge to leave Fire Doors wedged open, to leave ashtrays in rooms containing No Smoking signs, to put Pull signs on doors which open both ways, etc, etc.

Stapler's Sickness: injury caused by the repeated removal of staples with fingernail, leading to infection, gangrene, death and even possible loss of clerical job.

Tequila Eye: injury to the retina caused by cocktail parasols.

Undistributed Middle: abdominal swelling caused by vanity, ie a belt or pair of trousers several sizes smaller than your waistline.

Viking Syndrome: a compulsive urge to prove that America was discovered far earlier than anyone suspects.

Water On The Thigh: an unpleasant rash caused by Perrier-sodden napkin.

X-Ray Syndrome: persistent over-excitement at being searched by airport security officials.

Yelling Fever: total breakdown of nervous system following humiliating failure to open a packet of crisps.

Zeditis: paranoia and depression caused by inability of list-makers to think of anything beginning with Z.

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TIMES PAST THE TIMES
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IN HOLY WEEK

The two major public holiday periods, those spanning Christmas and Easter, are repeated annual demonstrations that important events in the Christian calendar are important events still in the life of the nation. Christmas may have been commercialized, and Easter secularized, but not out of all recognition: their religious significance is universally known, widely appreciated, and observed by a quite considerable proportion of the population, in ways both old and new. Christmas is perhaps easy to explain; Easter's appeal is more profound and complex. To draw something from it demands an effort of imagination, above all; an ability and a willingness to span two thousand years, and to search the events of far away and long ago for glimpses of meaning and truth which we can appropriate.

These are part of the collective memory of British society, and therefore part of its identity and means to its self-understanding. There is no great opposition between the apparently secular culture of Britain today and its more religious past, for the very shape and tone of that secularity bears the evidence of its origins. No society can ever deny and repudiate its past completely, for the very means of denial and repudiation have to be drawn from that past. Thus it means very little to declare that Britain is or is not now a Christian nation. It is the product of its past; its history, including its religious history, is what makes it what it is.

It is a mistake, and a waste of a most valuable asset, to regard that religious heritage as being of interest only to those present-day institutions devoted to the business of religion and their institutionally active memberships; no more is Shakespeare the exclusive concern of actors or professors of English Literature. It is common property. It is available as a form of language by means of which discourse becomes possible about areas of experience which might otherwise be out of reach, and it is a necessary discourse if man is not to be shrunk to the level of machine or animal knowing nothing of ultimate meanings and purposes and neither asking nor answering the questions to which religion addresses itself. To ask whether there is purpose in life is to ask a religious question: even to answer in the negative is to give a religious answer, and the process of answering is a religious process. It is a definition of man that he may ask such questions; and thus man is defined as religious. Whatever deeper meaning one gives Easter, it may at least be saluted for annually setting forth that statement.

Nevertheless the appropriation and use of Christianity as a religious language for gaining understanding has never been more difficult, for there is a transition in that language occurring as we try to use it. It is becoming a language about man himself rather than about supernatural entities far removed. "Know thyself" is its motto; it does not ask about angels dancing on the head of a pin.

Fortunately for Christianity the events and symbols it proposes for our attention are well suited for that anthropocentric shift: so well suited, indeed, that it is not an empty question to ask whether that was always intended. Christianity offers for our reflection a man who represented the summation and perfection of humanity, and whose story revealed the profound irony that this was intolerable. There is a perversity in the nature of humanity and in the heart of every individual human, so his story tells us. We seek some sort of perfection and at the same time strive to reject and destroy it, within us.

Thus Christianity offers us a way to study and reveal ourselves to ourselves, by reflection upon that archetypal figure and his archetypal story. It can all be said in traditional doctrinal language of unimpeachable orthodoxy, but to appropriate it for our use it requires translation. The man Jesus appeals to us directly, however; this may well be why, in popular religious sentiment, he is found to be far more interesting and worthy of attention than the churches are. And far more capable of surprising us. At the commencement of the week before Easter, the beginning of Holy Week, we may glance ahead to his ultimate surprise, so strange that even his most devoted followers did not at first believe it. He allowed himself to be put to death, in gross humiliation and cruelty. And it was not the end, but the glorious beginning of something new.

EUROPE IS GROWING

It was reported recently that "Europessimism", a doctrine much favoured in the last few years by American commentators, has been officially disowned by the Hudson Institute, a body whose study of the future commands almost the same respect in modern America as was enjoyed by the Delphic oracle in Ancient Greece. Europe may not after all be destined to no more glorious destiny than that of a museum which the denizens of the Pacific Basin can visit to inspect the relics of an earlier civilization from which their own, in part at least, derives. Europeans in general still have the capacity to create, to invent, to develop and to sell. What is more many of them actually know this and, even if history has given them a sense of their own limitations, so that they are less inclined than Americans to assume that everything will somehow work out for the best, they have not all despaired of their future, whether as individuals, as nations, or even as a Community.

The future of the European Community has, in the last few years, been the most difficult aspect of their future for West Europeans to feel optimistic about. Bogged down in arguments, mainly about money, which are invariably tedious and obscure and sometimes positively demeaning, the Community has seemed to fall far short of the aspirations of its founders. At times it seemed that the only people who still had any faith in it were those on the outside clamouring to get in; and the difficulty it had in resolving the problems which arose from the last major enlargement (the accession of Britain, Ireland and Denmark) greatly complicated and delayed the process of admitting the new candidate members from the Iberian peninsula.

Over the last eight years Spaniards and Portuguese have been given a sobering education in the ways of the Community such that it is almost remarkable that they still want to come in. Certainly one suspects few Portuguese can quite believe their prime minister when he tells them, as he did in the euphoria of last Friday morning, that "Portugal in five years' time will be a completely different country, and without doubt better for all Portuguese"!

To encourage expectations of that sort is certainly unwise. But it would be equally wrong not to recognize the historic importance of what was at last achieved in Brussels last week. The Community has grown not only in size but also in moral stature. In a process perhaps unique in human history, peoples of different languages and traditions are being brought together, their societies and economies are being gradually integrated, without recourse to violence and with respect for the particularism of each of the peoples involved. It is not to be expected that this process can be either painless or easy. It requires both of officials and of national leaders a remarkable degree of patience and dedication, a delicate combination of obstinacy with a spirit of give-and-take, an ability to pacify passionate and vocal interest-groups at home while keeping their genuine grievances in reasonable proportion to the wider interests at stake.

The Community has to operate like that because it is composed of democracies. In a democracy the simple, quick, tidy solution too often has to be foregone because of the need to conciliate and convince. It is not an easy way to live but Europeans have found it preferable to the alternatives. It is for that reason above all others that Spaniards and Portuguese, like Greeks before them, wanted to join this Community. For the same reason we should be glad, and more than glad, to have them in.

THE POST OFFICE ON TRIAL

The old story of the irresistible force and the immovable object seems about to play itself out again in the case of the Post Office. The corporation's management have declared their determination to go ahead this month with the introduction of new working practices and new technology; the leaders of the Union of Communications Workers have declared that their members will disrupt services if the attempt is made.

The confrontation has arisen almost in spite of the negotiators on both sides. The plans that management want to implement have been the subject of months, and indeed years, of discussion. The union sets great store by democracy as formulated by the rule-book, and its leaders could not conclude the agreement which seemed close a few months ago without referring back to the union's sovereign delegate conference. As tends to be the case, the conference, elected on a relatively low vote, tends to be representative of the more committed members. A special conference was called last month, and the leadership advised it to accept a compromise which had been worked out on the two principal issues; but it refused. Whether the union's members will in practice side with their conference or their leadership remains to be seen this month.

The trouble with the mails is that most of us never get round to stuffing our letters into the box until almost too late. Seventy per cent of mail is posted after five in the evening. But that does not stop us expecting it to reach its destination at the very outset of the working day. Between delivery time and five in the evening, when the rest of the country does most of its work, the Post Office has relatively little to do. The burden of mail also varies greatly through the week and through the year.

The obvious solution is to make more use of part-time workers and mechanization to meet the peaks of demand. In practice a system of high overtime payments has grown up, inflexible, unpredictable and of course very much cherished by those workers who benefit from it most.

Workers in a high-overtime industry, with relatively low basic pay, can appear, and even feel, worse off than they really are. In some cases, postmen are on a basic pay of less than £100 a week. But only 4 per cent of them are on basic rates, and average earnings are above £180 a week, with a minority of gluttons for overtime actually earning more than £250 a week. It is not practical industrial relations to wean a workforce away from such practices without incentives. The Post Office plans to introduce another 20,000 part-timers (the overtime worked at present is equivalent to more than 50,000 part-timers) and to minimise the effect on individuals by making the change progressively in pace with natural wastage.

It is determined at the same time to make general the productivity schemes which have already been accepted by half the workforce, and to demand that the new technology which has already been expensively installed be used to full advantage. The productivity scheme is designed so that 55 per cent of the savings made go to raise the earnings of the workers involved.

Post Office workers will have to judge their response to this challenge knowing that the Corporation's trading position is not as unassailable as its legions of solidly-rooted red pillar-boxes might seem to symbolize. Traffic and productivity have increased healthily in the last few years, but in reality they have done little more than recover to the levels of the 1960s.

Now the coming revolution in information technology, and the growth in demand for financial services, may prove either threat or opportunity to the Post Office. With its national network of offices it is well placed to take advantage of the changes, if it can adapt to compete with rivalry from other rapidly advancing forms of data transmission. Another general disruption of services now would be extremely damaging to customer confidence, and would necessarily call into question the future of the statutory monopoly on which so much of the Corporation's strength depends.

The Post Office's strength lies very much in its being a comprehensive nation-wide service sustained by the cross-subsidy which monopoly makes possible. Management and union alike are aware of how central this is to its present basis of operations. But the Government is ideologically little in sympathy with public service protection of this kind – as its robust treatment of the bus industry shows – and a serious disruption of the service in defence of entrenched and protected inefficiency would inevitably raise grave doubts about whether the monopoly ought to continue on its present basis.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Haziness in technology prospect

From Lady White

Sir, The article by Lord Young, Minister without Portfolio (March 26) was less than frank in its reference to the Budget announcement of purported help for higher technological and scientific education.

The minister wrote: "We are giving an additional £43 million over the next three years to provide extra places in higher education for the science and technology students whom industry so badly needs".

In the House of Lords, on the night before his article appeared, Lord Young was obliged to modify his reference in debate to the £43 million by admitting that £12 million was not new money at all. He disclosed that the University Grants Committee had been required to divert £12 million from its allocation, to the deprivation of other university resource needs.

The remaining £31 million is almost balanced by the increased National Insurance contribution which our universities will now have to pay on behalf of their staffs. In terms of real resources, therefore, our universities will be no more than marginally better off as a result of this apparent Treasury munificence.

Another significant, though less weighty, omission in Lord Young's article was his failure even to mention the unique contribution of the Open University, with its high-level work in distant learning of science and technology, invaluable for up-dating industry-based mature students. It should at least have been included in his list.

Yours faithfully,
EIRENE WHITE,
House of Lords.
27 March.

From Professor Igor Aleksander

Sir, Lord Young's article draws attention to the welcome input from the Government designed to drive education and commerce towards a future that depends on the creation of new technology. At the same time, however, it exposes a dangerous fallacy.

Technology in its own right does not automatically make an economy more effective. In fact, several recent studies have shown that moving technology into a business has an equal potential for either making this business more effective or driving it to the wall.

The difference between these two possible effects is rooted in whether a firm has understood the strategic advantage that technology offers or whether it merely hopes that technology will magically create higher productivity. The latter error can easily translate to the level of a national economy.

It is therefore important to channel Lord Young's optimism into the realization that effectiveness through technology on a national level will depend on the svelteness with which commercial leaders accept that age-old managerial techniques and attitudes may need to be subjected to a major re-examination.

This implies that carrots are needed for a thorough re-examination of business strategies, managerial procedures, company organisation and national economic structures. I see two ways forward; the first implies a re-orientation of those areas of education that currently generate decision makers for the UK economy. This includes business studies, law and even the humanities. The new orientation should be towards making a study of the effect of new technology a standard part of such curricula.

Secondly, direct reward should be provided to current organisations, perhaps in the form of a "Queens Award for Effectiveness through Technology". This would be based on institutional adjustments that enable them to use technology effectively.

Without measures of this kind, there is a grave danger that the next century will not only be like the last, but that the trade gap which is an inevitable consequence of a blind step into new technology will not be compensated by making the technology effective.

Yours etc,
IGOR ALEKSANDER,
Head of the Kobler Unit in the Management of Information Technology,
Imperial College of Science and Technology,
180 Queen's Gate, SW7.
March 26.

From Mr Max Morris

Sir, Is not Lord Young somewhat incautious in implicitly equating our alleged move towards vocational education with the Chinese cultural revolution?

That upheaval was marked by the destruction of educational standards on a massive scale. It is precisely this that those of us who have been criticizing the new developments fear will happen here.

Yours etc,
MAX MORRIS,
44 Coolhurst Road, N8.
March 26.

School closures

From Miss Lynn Tayton

Sir, I write with reference to your correspondent, Mr Peter Lacy (March 20), who wrote to you concerning the closure of certain schools in Coventry, as a former pupil of the school of which he is a governor.

Whilst not denying the force of the general principle that this Government's policy in relation to local authority budgets is causing considerable damage to local services, the example he uses to illustrate his point is hardly well chosen. The school to which he refers is not "new", as he states, but is a former girls' grammar school, established in the 1900s, which was converted into a mixed comprehensive in 1975 in a particularly inept manner.

As a consequence of a doubling of intake and the necessity to provide additional facilities for boys, new school buildings were crammed on to a site clearly too small to take them and the pupils lived and worked in the midst of a building site for several years. Not surprisingly academic standards suffered.

Why were the pupils subjected to this? It was the result of a policy decision taken by a Labour controlled local authority.

I hold no brief for the Conservative Party, but this school stands as an example of a socialist authority pursuing its political aims without regard to the needs of those children directly affected by its actions. Unfortunately it seems that the lesson that political dogma must be tempered by common sense and humanity needs to be learnt by both the major political parties.

Yours faithfully,
LYNN TAYTON,
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Nottingham,
March 20.

Natural medicine

From Mr Peter Rost, MP for Erewash (Conservative)

Sir, Your important survey on alternative medicine (March 13) confirms its increasing acceptability by GPs. However, there is a serious threat to progress and natural medicines may become unavailable for practitioners to prescribe unless the manufacturers succeed in reaching an accommodation with the DHSS fairly soon.

Recently formed is the Natural Medicines Group, which represents 39 manufacturers in this small but fast-growing industry, struggling to meet impossible criteria under the Medicines Act of 1968. Herbal producers do not seek exemption from the Act supporting as they do the tightening of controls following disasters like that of Thalidomide.

Under the Act a full licence is only awarded after being examined on the grounds of safety, quality and efficacy. But the DHSS testing criteria to prove these grounds, are inappropriate when applied to natural medicines, successfully and safely in use for years, as these rules were designed for new conventional drugs, which are highly specific, using materials not found naturally.

The Medicines Act recognises five forms of medicine but only one, conventional medicine, is currently represented on the Medicines Commission. No wonder the Government is not getting balanced advice and the future of licensed natural medicines is threatened.

Yours sincerely,
PETER ROST,
House of Commons.
March 18.

Galapagos fire

From Mr G. T. Corley Smith

Sir, The report "Airlift to rescue turtles from Galapagos fire" (March 27), contains inaccuracies which should be corrected.

The Galapagos *turtles* cannot be in any grievous danger from fire as they live in the sea. On the other hand there are five distinct races of unique *giant tortoises* on the large island of Isabela, each confined to a separate volcano. Two of them are on southern Isabela, where the fires are reported to be raging.

There is a narrow neck of naked lava, the Perry Isthmus, separating this area from the rest of the island and it is to be hoped that this will prevent the fire spreading to the northern volcanoes, which have no human inhabitants and which are the home of animals and plants found nowhere else in the world.

Even if the fabulous giant tortoises can be saved (an incredibly difficult operation) and if the sealions, fur seals, marine iguanas, nesting sea birds and flamingos can make their escape, the damage done to small animals, insects and plants, some of them probably still unknown to science, will be incalculable.

The Charles Darwin Foundation was not, as your report states "set up by the United Nations" and in consequence is not funded by that organization. It was created in 1959 by an international group of scientists and conservationists with the blessing of the Government of Ecuador, Unesco and the International Union for Conservation of Nature. Among other things, it breeds in captivity the already endangered races of the giant tortoise.

This latest disaster will put further strain on its inadequate resources.

Yours sincerely,
G. T. CORLEY SMITH,
(Secretary General, Charles Darwin Foundation, 1972-82),
Greensted Hall,
Ongar,
Essex.
March 27.

False alarm

From Mr A. C. Norfolk

Sir, I haven't heard starlings, excellent mimics as they are, imitating digital alarm clocks (March 19), but the other night in the Manor House here in Diss I heard a cricket in the fireplace bleeping loudly at precisely 30-second intervals.

It looks, therefore, as if nature is combining with technology to threaten our rest at both ends of the day.

Yours faithfully,
A. C. NORFOLK,
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Mount Street,
Diss,
Norfolk.
March 19.

Destruction in the countryside

From Lord Melchett and others

Sir, Almost exactly a year ago (February 6, 1984) we wrote to you about the destruction of a boundary hedgerow by a farmer in Essex. A similar case of destruction has taken place this year in Norfolk.

In recent weeks, a beautiful, 300-year-old boundary hedgerow just outside the village of Necton, near Swaffham, in Norfolk, has been razed to the ground by a local farmer. The hedge was 20 to 30 ft high and consisted of ivy-clad native species like oak, hornbeam, holly, ash and guelder and dog rose. The hedge and adjoining dyke provided a haven for shrews, voles, mice, water rats, frogs and toads, and many nesting birds, including blackbird, robin, wren, thrush, tree creepers and cuckoos.

The hedge ran along the north side of the garden of an old farmhouse. The first that the people living in the farmhouse knew of the impending disaster was when they heard the chain saws start to whine at 9.30 one Tuesday morning. What has been done feels to the distressed residents like an act of grievous bodily harm. One of them was so physically affected that she was unable to set foot outside the house for over a week.

Their fruit gardens, chickens and beehives are now fully exposed to East Anglia's cold north-easterly winds, and their view of a wildlife oasis has been replaced with the unappealing vista of a barren cereal field and the housing estate on the south side of Necton village.

The farmer concerned has said that he needed to remove the hedge because it was shading a few feet at the edge of his field, thus slightly reducing his yields there and we understand that the stumps that remain will soon be grubbed up and the small dyke alongside filled in.

Is this destruction what Sir Richard Butler, National Farmers' Union President, means when he talks in the NFU policy document, *The Way Forward*, about agriculture and conservation?

After all the desecration of the East Anglian countryside it is a national scandal that we still allow the few remaining old and beautiful hedgerows to be destroyed in this way. Farmers must be made to publicise their intention to make changes of this sort in the countryside. Local people must have a chance to voice their opinions. And the final decision must be taken by a body like the local planning authority without a vested interest in the outcome. Until this happens, these acts of destruction will continue.

Yours sincerely,
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Ringstead,
Hunstanton,
Norfolk.
March 26.

Greek reputations

From Mr Antonis Kamaras

Sir, I would like to congratulate you for your editorial comment of March 28 on the latest political developments in Greece. You clearly point out Mr Papandreous's disgraceful attitude towards Parliament and Mr Sartzetakis's doubtful claim, under the present circumstances, of wanting to represent the whole nation.

I must tell you that reputations similar to that of Mr Sartzetakis have been repeatedly used in the past three years to give credence to Pasok's self-contradictory and irresponsible policies. Mr Mangakis, Minister of Justice, provides us with a good example of this phenomenon. A constitutional theorist by profession, who was persecuted and tortured by the Greek junta, he has now disregarded the law as Minister of Justice in order to outmanoeuvre the Greek Supreme Court when the latter declared the government's educational reforms unconstitutional. It is only reasonable to assume that Mr Sartzetakis will perform a similar if not identical role.

Yours faithfully,
ANTONIS KAMARAS,
10 St Regis,
Cambridge.

Engineering investment

From the President of The Federation of Civil Engineering Contractors

Sir, The continuing debate on the proper level of public investment in the country's industrial infrastructure has been conducted in purely domestic terms. However, this investment clearly also has important implications for our international competitiveness.

Figures from the international construction federations show that the investment per head in civil engineering works for our principal European competitors, is as follows: West Germany, £209; France, £155; Holland, £117; Belgium, £105; Italy, £100; United Kingdom, £65.

Even allowing for any differences in definitions between the various countries, it is clear that the average level of investment in the other countries is approximately double that in the UK. Also it should be noted that only the UK has a significant advantage from its indigenous oil and gas.

If this imbalance is allowed to persist, it can only do long term damage to British industry's ability to compete, both inside Europe and the wider world context.

Yours faithfully,
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March 15.

ON THIS DAY

APRIL 1 1889

The Eiffel Tower, named after its designer Gustave Eiffel (1832-1923) was built for the 1889 exhibition – celebrating the centenary of the French Revolution. It is now, with the added television antenna, over 1,000 feet in height, and was, for many years, the world's highest structure. It took two years to construct, weighs 7,224 tons, has 1,792 steps, and has a maximum sway in high winds of 5 inches.

THE EIFFEL TOWER.

PARIS, MARCH 31.

The Eiffel tower has now attained its full height – 300 metres (984ft). When the proposal was made, two years ago, to erect the structure, artists and literary men signed a protest against the scheme, declaring that it would disgrace and disfigure Paris, and would destroy the effect of the great monuments of the city, such as Notre Dame and the Louvre. It must be admitted that the effect produced by the drawings was unfavourable. The form suggested the ugliest parts of a suspension bridge, and it was predicted that the deformity would be increased with the increase of size. The result has not been what was predicted. Even some of those who protested most loudly against the proposal now admit that the effect of the structure is not what they anticipated. They acknowledge that it has a light and graceful appearance, in spite of its gigantic size, and that it is an imposing monument, not unworthy of Paris.

At half past 2 o'clock to-day the ceremony of hoisting the first flag from the summit was celebrated, in presence of a crowd of spectators. M. Eiffel, with about a dozen persons, ascended the tower to the last small platform, and from that point the flag was hoisted by pulling a rope. The appearance of the flag was saluted by a salvo of 20 guns, followed by the cheers of the crowd. The flag is seven metres and a half long by four metres and a half wide. It bears the letters 'R.F.' The engineer, M. Condamin, addressed those present on the platform. He said he saluted the flag of 1789, which their fathers had borne so proudly, which had won so many victories, and which had witnessed so much progress in science and humanity. They had endeavoured to erect a monument worthy of the great date '89, and it was for that reason that colossal dimensions were required. To M. Eiffel who had conceived this idea, and to the fellow-workmen who had enabled him to carry out his work, they were glad to do honour. M. Berger then proposed the health of M. Eiffel, the workmen, and the Municipal Council, which was drunk in champagne, amid cries of "Vive la France! Vive Paris! Vive la Republique!"

The descent from the platform was found to be as trying as the ascent had been, and lasted 40 minutes.

Tables had been arranged for an entertainment to be given to the guests and about 200 workmen. The party were joined by M. Tirard, the Premier, and M. Alphand, city surveyor, and when the repast had ended M. Eiffel delivered a speech, in which he said that it was a great satisfaction to him to have that day hoisted a flag on the highest monument man had ever constructed. After thanking his fellow workmen for the assistance they had given, he said France has shown that she was still capable of great things, and of succeeding where other nations failed. His speech was received with cries of "Vive Eiffel! Vive la France!"

M. Tirard congratulated M. Eiffel in the name of the Government of France, and in the name of all those who in a few weeks would come there to admire the completed work. He admitted that he was not at first a partisan of the Eiffel tower, but he now made an *amende honorable*, and he was happy to acknowledge his error. In conclusion M. Tirard said he would propose to the President of the Republic that M. Eiffel should receive the decoration of an officer of the Legion of Honour.

Taxing the nest-egg

From Mr Robert Wolton

Sir, I notice that the first cuckoo in spring has been followed by that other "hardy annual", the index-linked Civil Service pension (March 18). Your correspondent, basking in an annual *ex-gratia* "top-up" from a "good employer", wishes the sun to go down on your obedient servant.

Civil servants pay a contribution of 8½ per cent of gross salary towards their pension. Does any other group of employees pay as much?

To achieve a half pension a Civil Servant has to accumulate 40 years' service, against 30 years in most other schemes. Many professional Civil Servants of mature years like myself struggle to amass 20 years' service and a quarter pension.

When introduced, index-linking was hailed by many as a step in the right direction, although in years of low inflation its benefit will be meagre, so rather than "knocking it" how about supporting it?

Yours faithfully,
ROBERT WOLTON,
76 Deane Croft Road,
Eastcote,
Pinner,
Middlesex.
March 19.

Silver lining

From Mr David Firth

Sir, As Mrs Helen Buchanan makes clear (March 26) in describing her grandfather's use of the halfpenny post to delay the dinner hour on a busy day in the City, our ancestors were not so handicapped by the lack of the telephone as one might have expected.

My own grandfather, who was a traveller for a Yorkshire brewery, had the habit of musing on his supper while he drove his gig along the country roads. Alighting at a village post office, he would despatch a telegram home, using a code which showed true Yorkshire economy.

On receiving the message "BR&B" for example, my mother, who cooked for the family, would set about preparing boiled rabbit and bacon for his return.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID FIRTH,
98 Sussex Way, N7.
March 27.

COURT AND SOCIAL

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE
March 30: The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips today attended the Grand National at Aintree and presented Trophies to past winning jockeys of the Race.

Her Royal Highness travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight and was received at Aintree Racecourse by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Merseyside (Wing Commander K. M. Stoddart).

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
March 31: The Duchess of Kent, as Patron of the United Kingdom Committee, this evening attended a Gala Evening in aid of Unicef at the Dominion, Tottenham Court Road.

Mrs David Napier was in attendance.

The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester will attend the Health Festival in aid of Birthright at the Savoy Hotel, on April 23.

The Duke of Gloucester will open a new sorting office complex in Gloucester on April 24.

The Duke of Gloucester will attend the Football Association's celebration dinner for Sir Stanley Rous at the Royal Garden Hotel, on April 25.

The Duchess of Gloucester, patron, *will attend a reception at the Forum* Hotel, Kensington, in aid of the Association for Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus, on April 25.

The Duchess of Gloucester will visit RAF Church Fenton, near Tadcaster, Yorkshire, on April 29.

The Duke of Gloucester, patron, will attend the annual meeting of the Kensington Society at Kensington and Chelsea Town Hall on April 30.

Forthcoming marriages

**Mr W. G. N. Barber
and Miss L. K. Mack**

The engagement is announced between William, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Nicolas Barber, of Sedgeford, Norfolk, and Louise, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Lawrence Mack, of Gayton, Norfolk.

**Mr A. D. Barthorpe
and Miss J. Y. E. Seeley**

The engagement is announced between Anthony, eldest son of Mr and Mrs J. W. E. Barthorpe, of Yeovil, Somerset, and Jennifer, daughter of Mr R. C. Seeley, of Humshaugh, Northumberland, and Mrs M. Seeley, of Ely, Cambridgeshire.

**Mr C. C. Black
and Miss W. L. Steel**

The engagement is announced between Colin, only son of Mr and Mrs Archie Black, of Vancouver, British Columbia, and Lynn, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs David Steel, of Baytree Farm, Hameringham, Lincolnshire.

**Mr J. C. Burke
and Miss A-C. Fisher**

The marriage will take place in the Temple de l'Oratoire, Paris, on April 6, of John, second son of Mr and Mrs Williame J. Burke, of Minneapolis, United States, and Anne-Claire, daughter of Mr and Mrs Jack Fisher, of Tonbridge, Kent.

**Mr S. G. A. Eadie
and Miss A. Bruce**

The engagement is announced between Simon, eldest son of Mr and Mrs D. G. A. Eadie, of Great Maplestead, Essex, and Annie, eldest daughter of Mr I. R. Bruce, of Boughton Monchelsea, Kent, and Mrs R. Willard, of Paddock Wood, Kent.

**Mr D. Gilbreath
and Miss V. Butler**

The engagement is announced between David, only son of Mr and Mrs J. C. Gilbreath, of Carthage, Missouri, United States, and Vanessa, only daughter of Mr and Mrs R. Butler, of The Hame, West Clandon, Surrey.

**Mr S. K. Karthigesu
and Miss V. C. Mathewson**

The engagement is announced between Suresh, son of Dato and Datin Karthigesu, of Singapore, and Clare, daughter of Mr and Mrs Niel Mathewson, of Cullaloe, Fife.

**Mr C. A. J. Lajtha
and Mlle A. F. N. Roche**

The engagement is announced between Christopher, elder son of Professor and Mrs L. G. Lajtha, of Bloxham, Oxfordshire, and Agnes, daughter of M and Mme M. Roche of Verneuil-sur-Seine, France.

**Dr J. J. Luke
and Miss S. L. Howard**

The engagement is announced between John James, son of Mr and Mrs W. S. Luke, of Limuru, Kenya, and Sally Louise, daughter of Mrs K. A. Howard and the late Mr S. Howard, formerly of East Studdale, Kent.

**Mr T. J. O'Connor
and Miss K. S. Anderton**

The engagement is announced between Timothy John, only son of Mr and Mrs E. J. O'Connor, of Golders Green, London, and Kerry Sue, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs W. Anderton, of Hethersett, Norfolk.

**Mr C. M. Tippetts
and Miss R. B. Ghazala**

The engagement is announced between Christopher Michael, son of Mr and Mrs T. A. Tippetts, of Rickmansworth, Hertfordshire, and Rosalind Birgitta Ghazala, daughter of Mr and Mrs D. N. Watt, of Trawlers Farm, Horsham, Sussex.

**Mr T. J. Wilks
and Miss E. L. Rolland**

The engagement is announced between Timothy, younger son of Mr and Mrs J. A. Wilks, of Exton, Hampshire and Sissa, only daughter of Mr and Mrs A. D. Rolland, of Battle, Sussex.

The marriage between Mr I. H. Macalpine-Leny and Miss A. E. Ailes will not take place.

Birthdays today

Mr Christopher Bishop, 53; Mr David Gower, 28; Major-General J. R. C. Hamilton, 79; Sir Paul Hasluck, 80; Sir Nicholas Henderson, 66; Miss Gaie Johnson Houghton, 44; Baroness McFarlane of Llandaff, 59; Professor M. L. McGlashan, 61; Mr Justice Macpherson of Cluny, 59; Professor Sir Dimitri Obolensky, 67; Mrs C. M. Patterson, 51; Mr Steve Race, 64; Professor Sir Peter Tizard, 69; Mr Leslie Waller, 62; Mr J. J. Williams, 37; the Hon Mrs Douglas Woodruff, 80.

Latest wills

Baroness Stewart of Alvechurch, of Fulham, London, the wife of Lord Stewart of Fulham, a former Labour Foreign Secretary, left estate valued at £45,534 net. She died intestate.

Sir Robert Mayer, CH

There will be a service of thanksgiving for the life and work in music of Sir Robert Mayer, CH, in St Margaret's Church, Westminster, on Tuesday, May 14, 1985 at noon. It would be appreciated if organizations wishing to be represented at the service would give notice of their intention not later than Tuesday, May 7 to the Rector's Warden, St Margaret's Church, Westminster, SW1.

Guild of Air Pilots and Air Navigators

Mr Tom Brooke-Smith has been installed as Master of the Guild of *Air Pilots and Air Navigators for* 1985-86. The Master-Elect is Air Chief Marshal Sir Neil Wheeler, the Wardens Mr R. Pooley, Captain F. Dell and Mr F. Stringer. Captain Paul Wilson was installed as Clerk.

FREE. One measure of The Macallan 10 Years Old Single Highland Malt Whisky will be available per person on presentation of this advertisement during opening hours on April 1st at any of the following establishments.
while stocks last:

- Hagdale Lodge Hotel, Baltasound, Unst, Shetland Isles.
- Llewdu (The Black Lion), Bow Street, Aberystwyth.
- Cilhoan Hotel, Ardnamurchan, Scotland.
- The Bishop & Wolf, St Mary's, Isles of Scilly.
- The Foulford Hotel, Sma Glen, Perthshire.

You will perhaps forgive us if, in pursuit of an *April prank*, we have positioned our free dispensaries in somewhat far-out locations. (And it is pleasant to reflect, is it not, that there are occasional rewards – beyond the pleasures of solitude – for those who live in sequestered spots?)

As for your own refreshment, we have not been entirely neglectful. Over the past year, we have been making great strides in our quest to see that our *sherry-wood-aged elixir* is more widely available. So much so that we suggest you repair to your nearest public house or bar in the course of the day, and *purchase yourself* a dram of THE MACALLAN.

You will find it *as far above* mere whisky as whisky is above other sublunary spirits, and infinitely worthy of a small investment. And if, by any mischance, they do not carry it, may we suggest you lobby the landlord to remedy the situation long before next year's freebee is arranged (for who knows where good fortune may light in 1986?). At all events, it would be *April folly* not to give the thing a try.

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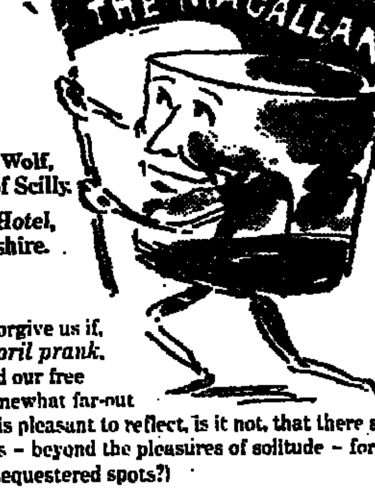


Clifford Longley

Dilemma over doubting bishops

The Prime Minister was surprisingly unfair to cuckoos. They are, *par excellence*, nature's entrepreneurs, ingenious individualists who make the best of unlikely possibilities.

Had she thought that the invaded nest is a kind of market-place, and the newly-hatched cuckoo chick a brilliant exploiter of the profit motive, she might have avoided such ornithological metaphors for the Bishop of Durham in her speech last week and called him something less Tory.

That she did not may mark the fact that the Right Rev David Jenkins is a puzzle to conservatives, whether they be politicians or churchmen. As they see him, he claims to attack government policy in the name of Christianity; yet does not quite seem to believe in Christianity himself.

The confusion is not very remarkable. A bishop who says, as he said again this week, that he did not know whether the tomb of Jesus was empty or not is saying, so far as most people are concerned, that he does not know whether the doctrine of the Resurrection is true or not.

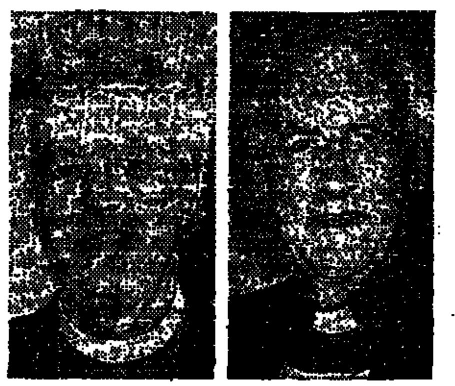
The Bishop of Durham says he believes it is true, thereby producing somewhat troubled frowns all round. Most people who believe the tomb was empty, do not believe in the Resurrection.

he might have meant that the question of the empty tomb was of no importance, and not worth asking, so the answer did not matter very much. But the bishop actually said, in his latest diocesan newsletter: "I cannot conceal or cheat on this because the whole matter is too important for cheating or concealment, or pretending to particular beliefs that one does not find sufficient reason for holding".

Thereby he dealt with those conservative churchmen who accuse him of saying the empty tomb is irrelevant: it is on the contrary too important for him to conceal his opinion.

The same confusion is generated by other churchmen in similar contexts. The Bishop of Birmingham, the Dr Hugh Montefiore, wrote in his diocesan paper not long ago: "I have an open mind on the Virginal Conception although . . . I could never as a bishop (nor would I wish as an individual) deny it as a dogma".

A dogma which is not denied is affirmed (unless the bishop means it is undeniable because it is meaningless). Thus the Virginal Conception is true as a dogma; but might not be true as a truth.



The Bishops of Durham (left) and Birmingham: Issue of authority.

In that recent blunt statement the bishop referred his readers to an essay he wrote in 1975 on these matters, wherein he states: "What a true statement says is true. But what it fails to say may also be true".

He appears to believe that the Virginal Conception is true and not necessarily true, at one and the same time. This may be as much as an honest bishop can say; but it is not very clear.

Again, the ordinary and obvious meaning of his open mindedness it that Mary might not have been a virgin, and hence the dogma of the Virginal Conception might not be true.

Dr Montefiore states in that essay that he would be unable to remain as an office holder in the church if he wanted to repudiate such dogmas as the Virginal Conception. The difficulty is that from most positions other than his own, it appears that he has already repudiated them, for to say a dogma might not be true is to empty the word dogma of any content, in Christian theology. It means, *inter alia*, that which is true.

One of the few things clear in all this is that most people, Conservative politicians included, will not follow what he is trying to say, but make the best sense of it they can.

It fuels the conviction that the Church of England is led by bishops who only half believe what they are supposed to believe, and who are not honest enough to admit it. It follows, especially where Conservative politicians are concerned, that they can discount whatever those bishops may say on other matters, because they should not be bishops at all. That is becoming quite a common Conservative conviction.

There is a deeper dimension to it than that. A bishop's claim to authority is his role in the church as a guardian of the Christian faith. It is not just an authority claimed by him but an authority granted to him by the faithful.

To be seen as having repudiated part of that faith is to lose all his authority, therefore: authority as a preacher of the Gospel on political and moral questions as much as a preacher of religious doctrine in the narrower sense.

Conservative politicians of the Anglican obedience do not grant to the bishops of Durham and Birmingham the right to criticize in the name of the church, precisely because they have lost their authority.

Both these bishops have sometimes made controversial contributions to public debate on political issues; and both have made controversial contributions on theological issues. The link between the two is the issue of authority.

Had the Bishop of Durham avoided controversial theological issues in his public statements, he would have enhanced quite considerably the influence he could have had on political issues: and he could have defended his Theological "concealment" on the grounds that the plight of the Durham unemployed, or the Durham miners, or whatever cause he was espousing, was his primary pastoral responsibility.

When the House of Bishops meets in June to consider the "Durham affair" and what to do about it, they need also to consider what, in general, episcopal authority is about. It is not just that which comes with the laying on of hands; it is also that which is recognized and accepted by the people.

They have a duty to the church not to do things which undermine their own authority; particularly if they want to inflict hard sayings on those who are in any case liable to be reluctant to hear them.

OBITUARY

SIR FIFE CLARK

Former Director General of the COI

Sir Fife Clark, who died on March 28 at the age of 77, was Director General of the Central Office of Information from 1954 to 1971 and an outstanding figure in public relations in both the public and the private sectors.

Born on May 29, 1907 Thomas Fife Clark was educated at Middlesbrough High School and entered journalism with Westminster Press provincial newspapers, becoming Parliamentary Lobby and Diplomatic Correspondent. In 1939 he joined the Ministry of Health and spent ten years on information campaigns.

From 1952-55 he acted as adviser on government public relations and press officer to two Prime Ministers – Sir Winston Churchill and Sir Anthony Eden – and in 1956-57 *he advised Dr Charles Hill*, as the responsible minister, on the co-ordination of the government information services both at home and overseas.

He had gone to the COI as Home Controller in 1952. There he was responsible for organizing the production and management of the British pavilions at the world exhibitions in Brussels, Montreal and Osaka, but his main task was to preside over the continuing development of the central role of the COI in government communications as a provider of information material and services for other departments. Among home publicity campaigns launched under his aegis were those on road safety, army recruiting and decimal currency.

He published a book *The Central Office of Information* in 1971, in the New Whitehall series. *He also played* a considerable part in the evolution of an acceptable concept of government public relations, stressing the duty of every government to supply the public with information about its policies as fully and promptly as possible, a philosophy which he developed in notable talks to institutions concerned with administration and communications. He welcomed and encouraged the increasing importance of trade promotion work in the government information services, and the close relationship between COI and industry owes much to his efforts.

Though he had been previously little concerned with overseas affairs, as Director General he travelled widely and played a part himself in presenting Britain abroad.

As befitted a leader within his profession, Clark was also a distinguished President of the British Institute of Public Relations (of which he was a founder member) as well as the first President of the International Public Relations Association.

He was also Consultant on External Relations to the Crown *Agents for Overseas Governments* and Administrations, 1971-75, and to Trident Television Group of Companies, 1976-78.

All those who worked with him will remember, with affection, a modest and invariably kindly personality.

His wife Joan, whom he married in 1945, died in 1977. They had two sons and one daughter.

MR JOHN JOLLIFFE

Mr John Jolliffe, Bodley's Librarian at the University of Oxford since 1982, died on March 30 at the age of 55.

He was educated at Hastings Grammar School and at University College London, where he graduated in French.

The thirty years of his professional career as a librarian were divided equally between the British Museum where he joined the Department of Printed Books as an assistant keeper in 1955, and the Bodleian where he became sub-librarian and Keeper of Catalogues in 1970.

Jolliffe was a specialist in sixteenth century French literature, a bibliographical interest he maintained throughout his career, which was soon to be distinguished by a then pioneering interest in the application of automated techniques to the cataloguing of older printed books.

He was closely involved with explorations of a proposed joint scheme (Proposed Joint Scheme, Project LOC) for cataloguing earlier printed books in the major libraries of London, Oxford and Cambridge. Its exhaustive report, covering work Jolliffe had directed since 1968, was published as *Computers and Early Books* (1974).

His knowledge and skill – and his sharp critical intelligence – made him particularly well qualified to take over the planning of computerised developments in the Bodleian with the special problems of its partly revised catalogue and the urgent necessity of adapting traditional scholarly practices to modern information handling techniques.

Jolliffe became a key figure in the developments of the 1970s, some of which are only now beginning to come to fruition. He was prominent in the planning and execution of the *19th Century Short Title Catalogue* of which the first volumes have recently started to appear.

In 1982 after a period of service as Acting Libarian he was appointed to Bodley's Librarianship, taking office at a difficult time, when cuts in university and library expenditure were affecting all aspects of the Bodleian's activities.

His tragically early death, after a short illness, has occurred before he was able fully to make his mark on the administration of the historic institution which, as he was very conscious, has a special place not just in Oxford itself but in the whole world of scholarship.

He was elected a Fellow of Nuffield College when he joined the Bodleian as a Keeper, and he gave his college good service, not least as its Dean of Degrees.

He is survived by his widow Beryl (née Bailey), whom he married in 1955, and their three daughters.

MR KARIM KHALEF

Karim Khalef who was mayor of Ramallah on the Israeli occupied West Bank of The Jordan from 1972 to 1982, died on March 30, of a heart attack. He was 48.

A Christian from a wealthy family, Khalef had graduated in law in Cairo and was elected mayor of Ramallah in the Israeli sponsored municipal elections in 1972.

In 1980 he was injured in a car bombing and lost a foot. Two years later he was deposed for refusing to cooperate with the Israeli civil administration on the West Bank.

Members of a group of Jewish extremists are at present charged with the 1980 car bombings in which Bassam Shaka, the mayor of Nablus, later deposed at the same time as Khalef, was also injured.

PROF G. WILSON KNIGHT

Professor Francis Berry writes:

The obituary of Professor G. Wilson Knight (March 23) was nobly written but a selective mention ought perhaps to be made of the work on Pope and that splendid book on the Romantic poets, *The Starlit Dome* among the literary studies.

Among his achievements this "most modest of men" took not pride but a kind of grateful *pleasure in* recalling his adventures as an army motor cycle dispatch rider in the Middle East during the First World War; in his award of a Half-Blue for chess while at Oxford; and the speed with which he could cover the quarter mile sprint in his youth.

Mr Frederick Robert Cox, OBE, former Principal of the Royal Manchester College of Music, as it then was, died on March 2 at the age of 79.

Marriages

**Mr D. A. Wilson
and Miss M. R. Stanier**

The marriage took place on Saturday in the chapel of the Royal Hospital, Chelsea of Mr David Allen Wilson, only son of Mr and Mrs Ian Wilson, of Guildford, Surrey, and Miss Miranda Rose Stanier, third daughter of General Sir John and Lady Stanier, of Hartley Wintney, Hampshire. The Right Rev R. W. Woods and the Rev Denys Bartlett officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, wore a gown of ivory silk embroidered with antique pearls. Her tulle veil was held in place by a family pearl tiara and she carried a hand shower of lilies-of-the-valley, stephanotis, freesias and pale yellow roses. Edward Plumbly, Thomas Wrey, Stephen Lewis and Miss Candia Stanier, sister of the bride, attended her. Mr David Brooks was best man.

A reception was held at the Royal Hospital, Chelsea and the honeymoon will be spent abroad.

**Mr O. P. V. L'vov-Basirov
and Miss D. P. J. Pilkington**

The marriage took place on Saturday at Chelsea Old Church of Mr Oric L'vov-Basirov, of 55 Cadogan Place, SW1, and Miss Julia Pilkington, youngest daughter of the late Sir Richard Pilkington and of Lady Pilkington, of 1 Ilchester Place, W14. The Rev C. E. Leighton Thomson officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her uncle, Colonel Russell-Roberts, was attended by Alexandre L'vov-Basirov, Philip Compton, Annabel and Miranda Grahm, Elizabeth Johnson and Rosanne McEwen. The Hon David Guest was best man.

A reception was held at Crosby Hall and the honeymoon will be spent abroad.

**Mr C. R. Bright
and Miss S. J. Foreman**

The marriage took place in London on March 30, 1985 between Mr Christopher Reuben Bright and Miss Susan June Foreman.

**Mr R. T. Combe
and Mrs B. A. Glide**

The marriage took place in Taunton on March 26 between Mr Richard Tristram Combe, of Earnshill, Hambridge, Langport, Somerset, and Mrs Bridgett Anne Glide, of Meare Green, Taunton.

**Mr D. Gamble
and Miss A. M. Stewart**

The marriage took place quietly in London on Friday, March 29, of Mr David Gamble, son of Mr and Mrs H. B. Gamble, of Blackpool, Lancashire, and Miss Alexandra Mary Stewart, stepdaughter and daughter of Colonel and Mrs D. H. Matthews, of Pimperne, Dorset. The couple will be moving to New York City at the beginning of June.

Unique Tiffany lamp left unsold

By Geraldine Norman, Sale Room Correspondent

Burt Sugarman's Tiffany collection fetched £468,198 at Christie's in New York on Saturday, with 13 per cent left unsold.

Tiffany's flamboyant leaded glass lampshades imitating flowers, foliage and insects, with brass stands that often double as stems or roots, are the most consistently expensive of all twentieth century furnishings.

Sugarman, a Hollywood and Broadway producer, clearly loved their theatricality. His Oriental poppy leaded glass and bronze floor lamp, standing over 6ft high, sold for $143,000 (estimate $150,000 to $200,000) or £113,492.

He had been hoping to secure one bigger price but clearly buyers were keener on visual effect than rarity. A Zinia glass and bronze table lamp was left unsold at $220,000 (unpublished estimate $250,000 to $350,000). Most Tiffany lamps were produced in limited edition but this is a one-off

Christie's mixed property sale of Art Nouveau and Deco, also on Saturday, topped the £1 million mark but 19 per cent was left unsold.

A monumental mural made from enamelled cast iron for the ocean liner Normandie around 1932 sold for $110,000 (estimate $50,000 to $70,000) or £87,301 to a New York dealer. It decorated the Normandie's first class embarkation hall and the artist, Francois-Louis Schmeid, took his inspiration from the Bayeux tapestry.

Sotheby's, meanwhile, were selling nineteenth century furniture and decoration with top prices for the most ornate and elaborate pieces. A globe-shaped goldfish bowl encased in gilt bronze bamboo stems supported by turtles with its table-shaped stand carrying dragon and elephant masks sold for $22,000 (estimate $10,000 to $15,000) or £17,600. The sale totalled £626,220, with 15 per cent unsold.

Service dinners

Intelligence Corps

The annual dinner of the Intelligence Corps Officers' Dinner Club was held at Templer Barracks, Ashford, Kent last night. The guest of honour was Mr P. H. Marchurch and other guests were Major-General J. R. M. MacMillan, ACGS (MOD), Brigadier L. F. H. Buck, DMO, Brigadier General Dudley J. Gordon, HQ USAREUR, and Major-General (Retd) H. E. M. L. Garratt, Director of Security (Army). The Colonel Commandant, General Sir Michael Gow, presided.

The Royal Hampshire Regiment

The annual dinner of The Royal Hampshire Regiment Territorial Officers' Dinner Club was held on Saturday, at Regimental Headquarters, Winchester. The Colonel of the Regiment, General Sir David Fraser, was present. Brigadier C. G. T. Viner presided.

3rd Divisional Signals

The annual dinner of the 3rd Divisional Signals Reunion Club was held at the Victory (Services) Club on Saturday. Major-General J. M. W. Badcock, Master of Signals, was the guest of honour and Brigadier C. G. Moore presided. To mark the 40th Anniversary of victory in Europe the Military Attachés of France, the Netherlands and Belgium were special guests.

Lieutenant-Colonel R. F. Baly, Commanding 3rd Armd Division HQ and Signal Regiment, and Major-General P. A. M. Tighe, president-designate were among those present.

**157 (Wales and Midlands)
Transport Regiment RCT (V)**

Officers of 157 (Wales and Midlands) Transport Regiment RCT (V) held a ladies' dinner night in Cardiff Castle on Saturday to mark the retirement of their Honorary Colonel, Colonel P. D. Williams, after 24 years' service

Appointments in the Forces

Royal Navy

CAPTAIN: F D Lowe, MERCURY in Cmd. July 30.

COMMANDERS: G A Cavalier, staff of NAVSOUTH, March 10; P L Harrison, MOD (Portsdown), August 20; W D S Kay-Smith, staff of CINCHAN/EASTLANT, Oct 8; G W Lane, MOD (Bath), Sept 17; C T Langdon, MOD (London), Sept 24; M R Marks, RALEIGH, June 21; C J N Morrison, MOD (London), August 20; J D Plummer, MOD (London), August 13; M P N Sessions, MOD (Bath), May 17.

Retirements

COMMANDERS: N J de Hartog, May 28; E M England, May 25; J Loring, May 28; C Scott-Fox, June 12.

The Army

BRIGADIERS: A S J Blacker, to be PSO to CDS MOD, April 4; C L G G Henshaw, to Cabinet Office, April 5; P J Marzetti, to be Comdt ASMT, April 1.

COLONELS: M W F Maxse, to MOD, April 4; W C A Kennedy, to MOD, April 5; J E J Lane, to SHAPE (BAE), April 15.

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Retirements

BRIGADIER: J H Skinner late RAOC, April 2.

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Royal Air Force

GROUP CAPTAINS: B S Duckett to RAF Stanley as Stn Cdr, April 3; R S Burrows to A&AEE Boscombe Down, April 4.

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Parliament this week

Commons. Today (2.30): Timetable motion on Transport Bill. Birmingham City Council Bill, second reading.
Tomorrow (2.30) and Wednesday (2.30): Interception of Communications Bill, committee stage.
Thursday (9.30): Easter adjournment motions.
Select committees. Today. Home affairs: Subcommittee on race relations and Immigration. Subject: The work of the *Immigration and Nationality Department of* the Home Office. Witness: The Home Office (4.15).
Environment. Subject: Radioactive waste. Witness: The Department of Energy (4.30).
Treasure and Civil Service. Subject: The Budget. Witness: Mr Robin Leigh-Pemberton, Governor of the Bank of England (4.30).
Public Accounts. Subject: Sales of public assets. Witnesses: Sir Kenneth Couzens, Department of Energy; Sir Brian Hayes, Department of Trade and Industry; Sir Peter Lazarus, Department of Transport (4.45).
Tomorrow: Education, Science and Arts. Subject: Achievement in primary schools. Witness: The assessment of performance unit of the Department of Education and Science (10.45).
Transport. Subject: Marine pilotage. Witness: Association of Pilotage Authorities (4.15).
Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration. Subject: Annual Report of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration. Witnesses: Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration and Deputy Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration (4.30).
Trade and Industry. Subject: Tourism in the UK. Witnesses: Association of British Travel Agents (10.30); London Visitor and Convention Bureau (11.15).
Wednesday. Employment. Subject: The training of young people for employment. Witnesses: Ford Motor Company (4.15); Mr L. Grice, Chairman, MSC Coventry and Warwickshire Area Manpower Board (5).
Social Services. Subject: Medical education follow-up. Witnesses: Professor James Lynch, Postgraduate Dean, Leeds; Professor Peter Richards, Dean, St Mary's Hospital Medical School; Sir Raymond Hoffenburg, President of the Royal College of Physicians; Sir Geoffrey Slaney, President of the Royal College of Surgeons; Sir James Fraser, President of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh (4.15).
Treasury and Civil Service. Subject: The Budget. Witness: Mr Nigel Lawson, Chancellor of the Exchequer (4.30).
Joint Committee. Petition Against Okehampton Bypass Special Procedure Orders (10.30).
Lords. Today (2.30): Insolvency Bill, report, first day. Road Races (Northern Ireland) Order 1977 (Amendment) Bill, committee.
Tomorrow (2.30): Insolvency Bill report, second day. Debate on the Helsinki agreement.
Wednesday (2.30): Debate on the Budget. Debate on "supergrass" system in Northern Ireland.
Thursday (11): Films Bill and Town and Country Planning (Compensation) Bill, third readings.
Select committees. Tomorrow. Overseas Trade. Evidence from chairman of United Biscuits (10.15) and from director general of the CBI (11.30).
EEC subcommittee G (Environment). Evidence on motor cycle noise (10.45).
EEC subcommittee A (Finance, Economics and Regional Policy). Evidence on a common market in mortgage credit (4).
Wednesday. EEC subcommittee D (Agriculture, Food and Consumer Affairs). Evidence on the common market in wine (10.45).
EEC subcommittee C (Education, Employment and Social Affairs). Evidence on co-operation on health related matters (11).
EEC subcommittee on European union. Evidence on legal matters (4.15).

Progress of legislation

Commons. Mar 25: Finance Bill read a first time. Mar 26: Valerie Mary Hill and Alan Monk (Marriage Enabling) Bill read the third time. Highlands and Islands Development Board Boundaries Amendment Bill read a first time. Consolidated Fund (No 3) Bill read a second time and passed the remaining stages. Mar 27: Provision for Young People in Rural Areas Bill read a first time. Local Government Bill considered on report. Mar 28: Surrogacy Arrangements Bill read a first time. Local Government Bill read the third time by 326 votes to 170.
Lords. Mar 25: Essex Bill read a second time. Mar 26: Licensing (Amendment) Bill, Betting Gaming and Lotteries (Amendment) Bill, and Administration of Justice Bill all read the third time and passed. Town and Country Planning (Compensation) Bill and Films Bill passed the report stage. Water (Fluoridation) Bill read a second time. Mar 27: The following Acts received Royal Assent: Consolidated Fund (No 3); Mineral Workings; Cinemas; Shipbuilding; Surrey; Valerie Mary Hill and Alan Monk (Marriage Enabling). Lloyds Bank (Merger) Bill and National Bank of New Zealand Limited Bill read a second time. Mar 28: Gosport Borough Bill read a second time. Bath City Council Bill and Hong Kong Bill both read the third time and passed. Child Abduction and Custody Bill completed the committee stage. Representation of the People Bill considered in committee and adjourned. Local Government (Choice of Electoral Systems) Bill read the third time and passed.

Science report

Smoking destroys health, and forests

By David Nicholson-Lord

By the year 2000 there may be no trees left in Kenya and cigarette smoking will be a leading culprit. Tobacco production, adopted throughout the Third World as a cash crop, is raising cancer rates, causing deforestation and occupying land that could grow much needed food crops for home consumption.

Developing countries using tobacco to bring in foreign earnings, and with them the products of the industrialized world, are losing money and damaging their health, according to the World Health Organization. Tobacco economies, Dr Roberto Masironi, of the WHO's smoking and health programme, says are "sham economies".

Tobacco, now grown by about 120 Third World countries, has the advantge of a relatively stable international market. It can be grown on marginal soils and much help with training and finance is available, either from state-run organizations or the tobacco multinationals.

Tobacco production and consumption are linked, according to an article in *Ceres*, the journal of the United Nations' Food and Agriculture Organization. In Pakistan, where it is an important cash crop, more than four-fifths of males aged over 15 use it. Cancer of the bronchus, trachea and lungs, once the fourth most frequent tumour in males, moved up to first place between 1974 and 1978.

In China lung cancer doubled between 1963 and 1975 and a similar trend is evident in the Philippines, where tobacco is second only to oil as a source of government revenue. Cigarette consumption in the developing world is growing at a rate of 3.9 per cent, against 1.2 per cent in the West.

The WHO believes this is no accident. According to Dr Halfdean Mahler, its director-general, the main tobacco companies have set their sights on the Third World population to offset declining sales in industrialized countries.

One result is displacement of staple crops. On the flood-plains of the Sokoto region of Nigeria, tobacco thrives where rice would normally be expected. A recent world conference on smoking and health in Canada was told that Nigeria had to import rice because of such displacement.

Curing one ton of tobacco requires the felling of between five acres and eight acres of forest: the wood is required for barns and for fuelling kilns. This would mean that annual tobacco production in Kenya involves the loss of 12,000 to 20,000 acres of forest a year.

At the present rate of felling, according to the Kenya Green Belt Movement, there will be no trees left in the country by the year 2000.

The Times of India recently described how tabacco-growing had affected the black soil belt of Andhra Pradesh. Barely a tree more than five feet high was visible, it said. In the Guntur district, the first to grow Virginia tobacco, almost 500,000 acres of forest, fallow and pasture were now "no more than a horrifying barren waste, where nothing may grow".

The WHO argues that tobacco involves a financial loss for Third World countries because most of the profits accrue to the cigarette manufacturers, not the growers, and because the earnings gained from growing tobacco are increasingly spent on smoking it.

Developing countries are also losers, it adds, because of the threat to the health of people "who are already sorely deprived of the means to defend themselves against disease".

Source: *Ceres*, (FAO Review on Agriculture and Development, Vol 17, No 5).

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THE ARTS

Dance

Ingenious comedy

Gut Reactions

Royal, Glasgow

The general title *Gut Reactions* for the Scottish Ballet's new programme covers three diverse works: an earnest humanitarian fable by an aspiring young choreographer, a lyrical piece by Christopher Bruce and an exhilarating, flippant dance comedy by Michael Clark.

Bruce risks snide comments by calling his creation *Remembered Dances*, and it is true that there is little in it to surprise anyone familiar with his other recent works. But, from a choreographer of his standing, a piece of honest craftsmanship is worth enjoying. The music is Janaček's *In the Mist*, four piano pieces using related material in contrasted moods.

In a cast of six, Elaine McDonald and Christopher Long explore a troubled mood in their duets, lightened when McDonald is taken up by the other two men or accompanied by the other women. The supporting pairs also have some swift, light-hearted entries of their own. The music sustains happily the mixture of smooth ensemble or duet work and lively folk-dance steps which Bruce clearly enjoys nowadays, and the dancers look good in it. Walter Nobbe's simple setting, of one curtain half-hiding another in contrasted colour and texture, is handsome.

Clark's creation, his first for a big classical company, by contrast is lavishly staged: one elaborate setting succeeds another at amazing speed. But it is all a clever trick, since every one of them comes from the company's existing repertory, although few are easily recognizable, thanks to different placing and lighting.

That is characteristic of the way Clark and his designer, Charles Atlas, have gone about displaying a cast of 25 to look like far more in brief and ingenious comic entries. With typography as exuberant and individual as his choreography, Clark calls it *HAIL the classical* and sets it to a mixture of Ravel (the Introduction and Allegro) and rock songs by The Fall.

Characters include a goldfish, leopards, three gladiators on full pointe, a scarecrow, lion and tin man, and Clark himself at the opening performances as a catalyst, agent provocateur, sex symbol (complete with a large rude appendage) and idol. A tough role for Vincent Hantam to take over at later performances in Glasgow and Aberdeen, but the fun should hold up. The whole cast show high spirits and Linda Packer holds her own in personality and style in her episodes with Clark.

Peter Royston and Paul Robinson, choreographer and composer of *Pococurantis*, attempt an allegory of the evils and tragedies of apartheid. Some episodes are touching and stiking, notably the humane tenderness of the scene where Vincent Hantam undresses Linda Packer for their impassioned duet, and the comic-sinister stylization of the stiff-suited blind officials who catch them.

Black armbands or chokers distinguish the oppressed from their masters, but representing the free-spirited hero by three dancers is confusing. The point of a harlequin figure, Tokolosh, except as a kind of master of ceremonies, is also unclear, but his solos include some of the best choreography and are well performed by Christopher Gilliard.

At 45 minutes, the work is over-long for its dance material but the music holds up better. As a flawed attempt at treating a serious subject, *Pococurantis* deserves a regretful respect.

John Percival

Photograph of William Douglas Home by Suresh Karadia

William Douglas Home is no stranger to adversity, for the critical disapproval of his new play, *After the Ball is Over*, is closely followed by a remarkable book of letters describing his unhappy war experiences: interview by Caroline Moorehead

Reliving the conscience of the past

Early last year the playwright William Douglas Home received a packet from his sister Bridget. It contained the letters he had written to his parents during the war, unfolding his progression from reluctant soldier to court-martialled, cashiered prisoner, serving eight months of a 10-month sentence for failing to obey an order to attack Le Havre, on the grounds that it was full of civilians and the German Command had offered to send them out if given three days. Douglas Home had forgotten all about the letters, believing them long lost. With linking passages, they have now gone to make up a small book, *Sins of Commission*, just published privately* and due to be in the shops by today.

Their appearance coincided almost to the day with the opening of *After the Ball is Over*, his first West End play since the very successful *The Kingfisher* seven years ago. "About right", says his wife Rachel, "he goes in for seven-year cycles." In Hampshire, where he lives and which he rarely leaves, Douglas Home is however far more concerned at the moment with the selling of the pink Regency House that they came to 33 years ago, driven south from Scottish family territory by discomfort. "When even the labrador took to lying on the piano to get out of the draught, it seemed time to move", he says. Now, though, taxes and too few plays have brought "the wolf to the door".

Not that he seems to live in anxiety. "Spring is in my heart and deep contentment: I ask nothing more", he wrote in the second volume of his autobiography five years ago, *Mr Home pronounced Hume* (the title drawn from a Kenneth Tynan quip that ran on "makes me foam pronounced fume"). Glasses pushed well up on top of his head, moving restlessly around a sitting room that might have appeared in any one of his plays, with French windows opening on to a lawn and all the comfortable and agreeable clutter of a place much lived in, Douglas Home's manner suggests satisfaction.

Two excessively friendly dogs, the *Times* crossword, a copy of *Sporting Life*, photographs, portraits, piles of papers, letters, old cuttings: there is the cosy paraphernalia of intense family life – he was one of seven children, younger brother of Lord Home, has four children himself and 16 nephews and nieces – and numerous friendships.

Sins of Commission is about conscientious objection to war, or more precisely, in his words, "political objection", for his disagreement with the army lay not in his own pacifism (though he did, early in the war, think of registering as a C.O.) but in his opposition to Churchill's war aims, the failure to sue for honourable peace rather than pressing for unconditional surrender. Having uneasily and unhappily ruminated his way through most of the war as an officer with the Buffs, standing for Parliament as an Independent at three by-elections, his moment of protest came quite suddenly with the order to attack and the realization of what would ensue. "Twelve thousand casualties. It was a bit much."

The army, anxious to avoid unpleasantness, parked him in an orchard out of the way. But Douglas Home needed the confrontation: he wrote to the *Maidenhead Advertiser* and "they had no choice but to court-martial". Today he remembers with most affection his father, having come to visit him in Wakefield jail, "going off to thank the dear governor for having me here"; with most disgust, "slopping out at 6am". Is he a pacifist now? "No. No more than then. If a burglar broke in, I'd shoot him." He maintains however that there should be a Minister for Peace, as there is a Minister for War, "to ease matters before they get too rough". And he believes that his stand at Le Havre may have done something for the civilians of Calais and Dunkirk, who were subsequently evacuated before shelling began.

Douglas Home's stage characters are known for their stiff upper lips, their regard for fair play, their regrets and hopes smouldering, P. G. Wodehouse fashion, well below their jovial, self-mocking outer selves. There are jolly girls and sympathetic butlers. In *Sins of Commission* the tone is often the same: there is talk of pranks, of terrible weather and catching colds, of bird-watching, a pastime of which all Homes are very fond. "Unless somebody does what I'm doing, all the children", he wrote to his parents in 1944, "will grow up with the idea that, unless you shoot somebody every morning in the tube with a tommy gun you're not entitled to your first eleven."

His conversation today, affable, staccato, runs in much the same vein. Will he write other books? "I don't like writing books all that much. Have to be e-ru-dite, don't you? I'm keen on the dialogue." Does he go to the races? "Goodwood and Newbury. Sir Alec is the greatest tipster I know. I'd told him I'd give him 10 per cent of any win from a tip and he gave me five winners in six races." Does he wish he had acted more? "No one ever asked me. Voice like a constipated bishop, that's what puts them off."

Sins of Commission is a kind of aside, an account of a gesture deeply meant and made long ago. The war ended, he soon abandoned politics – "They lost their charm when everyone was saying the same thing as I was" – and returned to the Travellers' Club (which had written to him in Wormwood Scrubs asking him to come and remove his suitcase but after the war asked him back). Seventy-three this year, the real business of his life continues to be, as it has been for the last forty years, the writing of plays, with the close friendships it has brought him, the unending difficulties of getting productions on – *The Secretary Bird* was turned down by 13 managers – and the chanciness of reviews which have swung over the years from superb to abysmal.

He is, says his wife, a compulsive worker: 30 plays staged, 10 more in boxes in the study. With *After the Ball is Over* struggling to survive critical cold water at the Old Vic, another play, *And as for Jonathan*, is to come on at Farnham, while a third, about the painter Augustus John, is with a London manager. "And then", says Douglas Home, returning cheerfully to the metaphors he most enjoys, "there are six or seven more, lying like bait on a river."

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* Michael Russell Publishing, The Chantry, Wilton, Salisbury.

Concerts

Vienna PO/Maazel

Festival Hall

Judging from the way she leapt to her feet to applaud at the end, Mrs Thatcher, opting to forego the pleasures of *Dynasty*, rather enjoyed this concert. In fact it offered a similiar kind of entertainment as the soap opera, for, although nobody could argue about the superlative quality of the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra's playing, what lay underneath those sharp responses and that opulent sound seemed to be no more than exhibitionistic glitter masquerading as art. For which the blame must rest on the shoulders of the conductor, Lorin Maazel.

Admittedly, Stravinsky's 1919 suite from *Petrushka* is supposed to be a vehicle for display, and almost as if to compensate for the lack of a corps de ballet Maazel made himself the focal point of visual attention. But is all that effort really necessary to encourage his players to make such gorgeous sounds? Could not the feverish excitement of the "Infernal Dance" have been acheived without such absurd and distracting choreography? Or am I being unfair by suggesting that the ends, scintillating though they were, did not justify the means?

If here it took only a determination not to look in order to enjoy the performance, in Strauss's *Don Juan* Maazel's superficially thrilling interpretation seemed to deny the work its Austro-Germanic symphonic foundations. Again it was very exciting, very heroic, with horns resounding and the strings showing remarkable togetherness in what is still one of the most challenging works in the repertoire. But this listener is greedy, and wanted more than that.

Not surprisingly, the work to suffer most deeply from Maazel's theatrical manner was Brahms's First Symphony. The problem here was not the blandness that marred Abbado's Beethoven with this orchestra at last year's Proms, but Maazel's eagerness to oversell the work when all it demands is understanding and staightforwardness. Most of the notes can look after themselves, and the important tunes were in this instance in the most capable of soloists' hands; the oboe and violin sweetly soared to ecstatic heights in the second movement while the finale's horn calls sent a welcome shiver down the spine. But these were only particular moments when it seemed that the music mattered most. A pity, for there can be no better intrument upon which to play it.

Stephen Pettitt

Williamson/Wood

Wigmore Hall

For raw aural stimulation not much beats Stockhausen's *Kontakte* for tape, piano and percussion. A remarkable catalogue of pre-recorded sound whips round the hall via four loudspeakers, so that the audience becomes wrapped inside a drama to which the two "live" players offer an energetic visual focus.

They also complement the taped rattles, subterranean rumbles and whooshes with a virtuoso counterpoint of tuned and untuned sound on 26 different instruments. In 1960, Stockhausen's more sophisticated integrations of electronic and live sound were still to come; here he is experimenting with the infinite shades of distinction between noise and pitch – and refreshingly unconcerned about development or continuity in the normal sense.

Kontakte requires performers who are highly organized, sure in technique and who possess considerable stamina. Clive Williamson and James Wood showed just these qualities, and their fine co-ordination with the tape was, I suspect, due partly to intuition but mostly to hard preparation. The engineer John Whiting ensured good balance between live and taped sound, though I would question whether the overall level needed to be so loud. A tam-tam hit with full force and amplified through four speakers has the feel of "heavy metal" in every sense.

Williamson's performance was all the more creditable in that he could barely have recovered from the demands of playing Boulez's massive, violent Second Piano Sonata. *Kontakte* may be aggressive, but its philosophy is constructive and exploratory, whereas the brutality of the 1948 Boulez work seems to derive from its harsh demolition of traditional sonata forms. Still, Williamson built up an electrifying momentum in the complex outer movements, and in the slow movement his careful articulation and choice of tempi helped to reveal at least a little of Boulez's multi-layered thought processes.

Richard Morrison

Maggio Musicale

This year's Maggio Musicale in Florence opens on April 30 with a new production (by Pier Luigi Pizzi) of Verdi's *Don Carlo*. Luis Lima sings the title role and Piero Cappuccilli is Posa; conductor James Conlon. The opera will be given in its four-act Italian version with the Fontainebleau scene. The other principal opera is Alban Berg's *Lulu*, which will be performed in Italian with Carol Farley in the title role. Bruno Bartoletti is the conductor and the production is by Luigi Squarzina with sets and costumes by Luciano Damiani (first night June 1).

The festival's main curiosity is the first known performance in modern times of Pergolesi's *Adriano in Siria*. The opera will be played in the Teatro della Pergola (appropriately enough) and will be as close as possible to the eighteenth-century style with the theatre half-lit during the performance. The cast includes Cecilia Gasdia, who scored a considerable triumph in Florence last winter in *La traviata*.

The festival closes on June 30 with Bach's B minor Mass conducted by Carlo Maria Giulini. Next year's festival will be under the direction of Zubin Mehta. Further information from the Maggio Musicale: Florence 27791.

Television

Grist to histrionic mills

Frances de la Tour won several awards for her stage performance in Tom Kempinski's **Duet for One**, so she came to this dramatic examination of the patient-psychiatrist relationship, on BBC1 last night, formidably prepared. Nor did she disappoint: hers was a formidable performance. She was utterly convincing as a suitable case for treatment. It was the character she played that did not seem quite valid.

As Stephanie, a world-famous violinist smitten by multiple sclerosis, seeking to sort out past, married present, and unpromising future in juxtaposition with a shrink, she had to pass – in the six sessions we were privy to – through those volatile stages which, we understand, precede ultimate co-operation. Disdain, dislike, even verbal abuse, can be part of the psychiatrist's lot during this getting-to-know-you phase.

It was grist to Miss de la Tour's histrionic mill that Stephanie had disdain, dislike and verbal abuse in plenty. What seemed unlikely was that a virtuoso, a classification that surely embraces a heightened sensitivity, would have the kind of scatological vocabulary she had to play with.

Maybe, for dramatic purposes, it was thought that it did not matter much what she was supposed to be. The extremities of submitting one's mind and emotions to the dispassionate probe of a psychiatrist in the cause of breaking oneself apart, hopefully to be put together again, no doubt call forth all kinds of demons; but I thought the character might have been more acceptable had she been just an ordinary middle-class drone.

It was also alien to my appreciation of what happens in these expensive tête-à-têtes that the psychiatrist, excellently played by David de Keyser, should give way to such passion in session five. These quibbles lie at Mr Kempinski's door; the actors gave an impressive theatrical duet.

Tropical Moon over Dorking, by Jeremy Burnham, on Channel 4, was a more lightsome frolic, concerning the intrusion of real-life domestic problems on to the visual display unit of a writer of sweet and sugary romances. It was imaginative and good value for its run. Where it threatened to sag it was sustained by the performances of Pauline Collins, as the writer, and Michael Gambon, as the husband. Robert Chetwyn directed.

Dennis Hackett

Rock

Frankie Goes to Hollywood

Hammersmith Odeon

Having tenaciously eschewed the medium of live performance as a factor in their rise to mini-stardom, Frankie Goes to Hollywood now find themselves hoist by their own petard. Stated crudely, the live show does not match up to the videos. For, while the band have tailored their songs to suit certain meticulous production standards and a series of stunning televisual images, in performance they sounded curiously wooden and emasculated.

The vocalist Holly Johnson, dressed in a white banana-republic generalissimo's uniform complete with fringed epaulettes and mysterious dark glasses, commanded attention, but the rest of the band looked cheerfully uncharismatic. A succession of mildly provocative back-projections, a skilfully orchestrated light show and the predictable smoke-machine effects were the sum of the visual attractions.

Musically, there was a sense of notes and beats being played in the right order but no evidence of any real élan to gild the performance. Where the songs were strong enough to carry their own weight the band nevertheless generated considerable excitement. The rigid, revving heartbeat rhythm which dominates "Relax", "Tribes" and "Welcome to the Pleasure-dome" prompted a familiar Pavlovian response, but where songs such as "Get it On" and "Ferry Cross the Mersey" demanded a looser, more soulful approach the lack of performing maturity was painfully evident.

David Sinclair

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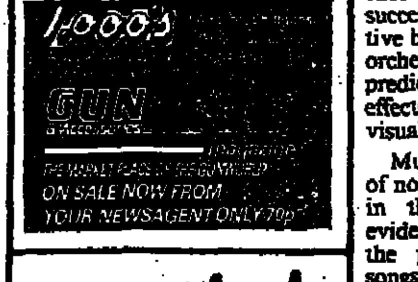

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35	MJI	
36	Macarthys Pharm	
37	Robinson (Thomas)	
38	Martonair	
39	RFD	
40	Neill (J)	
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Weekly Dividend

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STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Capitalization and week's change

ACCOUNT DAYS: Began, March 25. Dealings End, April 12. § Contango Day, April 15. Settlement Day, April 22.

§ Forward bargains are permitted on two previous days.

(Current market price multiplied by the number of shares in issue for the stock quoted)

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BREWERIES

BANKS DISCOUNT HP

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div yld %	P/E
57.7m	Brown Shipley	388	+8	12.1	3.1	18.8
61.5m	Cater Allen	538	−5	41.3	7.7	8.7
13.2m	Castles	30	● −½	2.1	7.1	9.9
1,469.1m	Chase Manhattan	£42	−2	384	8.7	..
4,834.6m	Citicorp	£35¼	● −1½	206	5.8	..
15.7m	Clive	68	−2	5.1	7.8	12.0
—	Com Bank Wales	29	..	..	..	..
742.5m	Commerzbank	£44	−1	6.8	0.1	..
—	Deutsche Bank	£117½	−1½	1200	10.2	..
122.3m	First Nat Finance	58½	−3	..	..	7.0
111.0m	Gerrard Nat	364	−6	17.1	4.7	10.8
180.2m	Guinness Peat	74	−1	2.2	3.0	17.7
137.5m	Hambros	158	−2	9.0	5.8	18.3
30.0m	Do (50p)	£15	..	89.5	6.0	15.7
274.4m	Hill Samuel	305	−5	15.4	5.0	8.8
2,530.0m	HK Shanghai	88½	−3½	..b	..	..
6,912,000	Joseph (Leopold)	253	..	16.1	6.1	13.8
16.7m	King & Shaxson	188	..	11.8	6.3	15.8
268.4m	Kleinwort Benson	450	● −15	20.0	4.4	8.3
1,225.1m	Lloyds	522	● −30	37.9	7.3	5.3
12.9m	Lon Scot Fin	67	−1	4.0	6.0	10.6
7,824,000	Manson	27	+1	1.6	6.0	10.6
178.8m	Mercury Secs	406	−10	16.4	4.0	8.5
742.8m	Midland	322	● −12	36.4	11.3	5.3
648.2m	Nat Aust Bk	198	−2	..	..	..
2,223.6m	Nat West	619	● −8	36.5	5.9	7.0
—	Ottoman	£53	..	450	8.4	12.7
88.9m	Provident	212	● −1	15.0	7.1	8.9
19.7m	Rea Bros	73	..	1.8	2.5	28.6
433.4m	Rothschild (J) Hld	104	..	..	..	..
1,487.8m	Royl Bnk Of Can	£16½	−1½	..	..	..
780.0m	Royl Bnk Of Scot	269	r −24	12.1b	4.5	9.9
117.9m	Schroders	759	● −15	25.4	3.5	10.8
[illegible]	Secombe M	435	+5	28.6	6.6	14.3
14.9m	Smith St Aubyn	69	−1	6.4	9.3	8.3
705.9m	Stand Chart	454	−8	40.7	9.0	7.1
74.8m	Union	748	..	52.9	7.1	9.4
17.3m	Wagon	73	..	4.8	6.6	9.7
1,047.8m	Wells Fargo	£43⅞	−1½	..	..	..
21.8m	Wintrust	258	● +8	6.4	2.5	17.4

BUILDING AND ROADS

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div yld %	P/E
30.4m	Aberdeen Constr	184	+2	9.4	5.1	9.9
159.8m	Amec	248	−1	15.0	6.0	10.1
2,600,000	Amcliffe	48	+10	..●	..	6.2
38.0m	Atwoods	109	−1	5.0b	4.6	32.0
491.4m	BPB Industries	258	−2	10.4	4.0	8.2
10.0m	Baggeridge Brick	251	−4	8.9	3.5	10.8
129.0m	Barratt Devs	72		10.9	15.1	4.8
1,411,000	Bailey(Ben) Constr	27	−4	1.5	5.6	5.4
—	Beechwood		..			..
20.6m	Bellway	116	−1	10.0	8.6	7.7
14.6m	Benford Concrete	66		5.4	8.1	15.8
9,600,000	Bett Bros	64		4.4	6.9	9.8
9,347,000	Blockleys	545	..	30.0	5.5	14.0
604.6m	Blue Circle	516	−2	27.1	5.2	8.7
12.3m	Breedon&Cloud Hill	202	−6	12.0	5.9	18.0

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Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div yld %	P/E
17.3m	Haynes Publishing	345	● −8	17.9	5.2	22.4
3,700,000	Home Counties	148	+15			
—	Independent	140	● ..	12.0	8.6	..
1,439.8m	Int Thomson	492	−32	14.0	2.8	18.3
278.7m	News International	695	● +15	12.1	1.7	..
118.1m	Octopus	950	+30	13.7	1.4	31.2
17.0m	Portsmouth Sund	132	−2	6.7	4.8	7.3
28.3m	Trinity Intl	258	● −14	17.4	6.8	7.4
238.1m	Utd Newspapers	308	−10	20.7	6.7	10.8

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Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div yld %	P/E
5,302.0m	BAT	323	−28	14.7	4.6	6.0
1,383.6m	Imperial	183	● −5	12.2	6.7	10.4
411.4m	Rothmans 'B'	160	−9	8.9	4.9	4.6

● Ex dividend. a Ex all. b Forecast dividend. d Corrected price. e Interim payment passed. f Price at suspension. g Dividend and yield exclude a special payment. h Bid for company. k Pre-merger figures. n Forecast earnings. p Ex capital distribution. r Ex rights. s Ex scrip or share split. t Tax free. y Price adjusted for late dealings. .. No significant data.

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THE TIMES

FINANCE AND INDUSTRY

Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

Wage fixing revisited – with impeccable timing

The pound, a month ago hobbling towards the knackers' yard, is now up and bounding around like a two-year old. It had been a remarkable recovery, 20 per cent against the dollar and more than 10 per cent on the sterling index in four weeks.

There has been an immediate effect on prices. This weekend petrol prices were reduced to just under £2 a gallon. The gentle downward trawl of base rates from their January crisis levels assuming the pound's buoyancy continues, should produce lower mortgage rates by the summer.

Despite these favourable effects, inflation warning signals are flashing for Britain.

There has been a sharp rise in industry's costs. In the 12 months to February the cost of materials bought by manufacturing industry (other than food, drink and tobacco) rose by 14.9 per cent. Prices charged by companies in this category have been rising strongly. In February there was a 0.8 per cent increase in output prices, to stand 6.5 per cent up on a year earlier. In January the rate was 6.3 per cent, in December 5.7 per cent.

It may be that this is simply a producer price bulge, directly resulting from sterling's earlier sharp drop, and providing a one-off boost inflation but not necessarily a permanent switch to a higher inflation plane.

Another interpretation can be made. This is that the falling pound may have restrained some price rises in Britain, providing an explanation for the muted effect on inflation of sterling's depreciation. The argument is that when the pound is falling, companies can take both bigger margins and higher volumes on exports and so do not need to raise domestic selling prices as much as would normally be required.

This effect comes to an end when the pound rises and, while input costs may rise at a slower rate, output prices could rise still faster in the months ahead, with a direct feed through to retail price inflation.

House prices, an important indicator of inflationary pressures in the economy, are rising at a faster rate than they should be, considering record real mortgage rates. Survey evidence suggests a 2-2.5 per cent rise in the first quarter, and a likely 10-15 per cent rise for the year as a whole.

There is also a straight monetary explanation of why the risks on inflation are mostly on the upside. Money supply growth, on the broad sterling M3 measure, was outside the Government's target range for much of the past year, only creeping back inside in the last two months.

Sterling's present strength may reflect the fact that the authorities are overcompensating for earlier monetary laxity, but again there are elements of locking the stable door after inflation has bolted.

Inevitably, though, wage costs stand out as the biggest inflation threat. A feature of the past three years has been the stubborn refusal of the growth of earnings to moderate. This was less important when productivity growth was very strong, it is particularly important now that productivity growth has slowed.

In the fourth quarter of 1983, unit labour costs in manufacturing were rising at a rate of 0.7 per cent a year. Since then the position has deteriorated sharply. By the fourth quarter of last year, unit wage costs were up 5.4 per cent on a year earlier. In January this year, the 12-month rate jumped further, to 6.5 per cent.

The Institute of Economics Affairs has therefore chosen a timely moment to publish Professor James Meade's paper *Wage-Fixing Revisited* (IEA, 2 Lord North St, London SW1, £1.50).

Professor Meade, winner of the Nobel prize for economics in 1977 and one of the authors of the 1944 White Paper on employment policy – the successor to which was published last week – addresses a familiar theme. Wage determination is the central problem facing democratic economies and, without a radical change in the system of wage-fixing in Britain, the alleviation of unemployment will only be achieved at the expense of far higher inflation.

Professor Meade rejects the two "extremes" of a centralized incomes policy and a perfectly competitive labour market, the former because it would imply excessive government interference, the latter because it would require politically unacceptable moves, for example the cutting off of benefits to the unemployed.

The middle ground, he suggests, lies in a series of independent wage tribunals. These impartial tribunals, whose decision would be final, would, in the Meade scheme, decide in favour of employees' pay claims unless the employers could show that their offer satisfied three conditions.

These are first, that output would be appreciably higher in the long run if the offer, rather than the workers' claim, was instituted. Second, that the offer was within a reasonable range of a overall wage guideline, of say 5 per cent, for the economy. Finally, that the offer did not push the relative pay of the employees more than perhaps 3 per cent below its average over the previous five years.

In other words, companies would have to demonstrate to the tribunal that their offer was good for employment in the long-term but did not impose an excessive squeeze on the relative wages of its workers.

In return for the introduction of wage tribunals, trade unions would be required to give up all the legal privileges and immunities conferred upon them in the 1906 Trade Disputes Act, Professor Meade says. Additional penalties against industrial action, including treating the beginning of a strike as the end of a period of employment for redundancy purposes, and only paying benefits to strikers' families on condition that they would be repaid after the strike, are also included in the scheme.

This mixture of the tough and tender smacks of the SDP/Liberal Alliance approach to wage control, hardly surprising in view of the fact that Professor Meade has been prominent in the formulation of Alliance economic policy.

Professor Meade's paper also endorses the inflation tax proposal of Professor Richard Layard, under which companies would suffer a tax penalty if they increased wages above a generally agreed ceiling.

The interesting question is the extent to which Nigel Lawson, in his Budget a fortnight ago, was stealing the Alliance's clothes. The Budget changes in national insurance contain elements of a Layard-type inflation tax.

The removal of the upper earnings limit on employeers' contributions imposes a clear penalty upon large pay increases for already well-paid workers. At the lower end, the new graduated scale of National Insurance contributions, for both employers and employees, also discourages big percentage pay rises.

However, if the Lawson national insurance changes are to be regarded as an inflation tax, they are clearly a modest one. More radical action to control pay is still needed.

David Smith
Economics Correspondent

Canada ends oil price dispute with lifting of protectionism

From John Best, Ottawa

Canada's federal Government and three oil-producing provinces have signed an agreement which puts an end to years of dispute over oil pricing and taxation levied against petroleum companies.

The new oil pricing system will remove an element of uncertainty which has been hanging over oil companies operating in Canada, many of them British, which have had investment plans affected by the previous system.

BP is about to bring its Wolf Lake tar sands project on stream and other companies such as Ultramar, which has a strong Canadian exploration programme and a refining and marketing operation in Canada, and Sovereign Oil and Gas, which has forged strong links with Home Oil, will benefit from a surge in Canadian exploration.

Under the agreement, Canadian oil prices will rise to world levels on June 1. Since the oil shocks of the Mid-1970s they have been kept artificially low by the federal Government – which has an overriding power to regulate them – to project the competitive position of Canadian companies that use oil to fuel their operations.

At present Canadian-produced crude petroleum is priced as low as C$29.75, compared with a world price of roughly C$38.

The agreement between the central government and the province of Alberta, Saskatchewan and British Columbia calls for the Progressive removal of a federal tax on oil and natural gas reserves which has been earning the federal treasury C$2.5 billion a year.

How the federal Government is going to make up for the lost tax dollars is not clear. The Minister of Energy, Miss Pat Carney, insisted that it will be more than offset by income tax from the 100,000 to 300,000 Canadians who she said would find new jobs because of the economic stimulus which the tax removal will provide. The levy is to be phased out over three-years.

The Government cannot afford to forgo the $2.5 billion annual income, without compensating for it, if it is to honour its pledge to cut Canada's huge budget deficit now running at about C$25 billion a year.

Miss Carney denied that there was anything in the accord that would either increase oil prices to consumers or increase taxes.

Part of the agreement abolishes special federal tax incentives for oil exploration and another eliminates subsidies the Government has been paying on crude oil imported into Eastern Canada, designed to keep oil and petrol prices roughly in line

- The abolition of the British National Oil Corporation does not necessarily mean that Government involvement in setting Britain's North Sea oil price has ended, according to the stockbroker Wood Mackenzie.

David Alliance: Interested in Tootal's profit forecast

Vantona 'not bidding for Tootal'

By Our City Staff

Vantona Viyella, one of Britain's big four textile groups, last night played down weekend suggestions that it is poised to launch a takeover bid for Tootal Group, the shirts, ties and scarves maker, which is already fighting off an unwanted offer from the Australian textile group Entrad Investment.

The Australian group raised the value of its bid on Friday from £124 million to £128 million.

Mr David Alliance, Vantona's chief executive, said yesterday: "I have not said I would be interested in bidding for the company but, when asked, I said that I would be interested in looking at Tootal in some detail providing the management wanted me to. I am not averse to looking at the company in depth – may be there could be savings and more security for everyone if we did – but we have not had any discussions".

Mr Alan Wagstaff, Tootal's chairman, is on record as saying he would not welcome an approach from Vantona any more than the one from Entrad.

However, Mr Alliance said his interest in Tootal had been aroused by the profit forecast – put out as part of Tootal's defence against Entrad – saying profits to next January would be at least £27 million compared with last year's £22 million.

"With one good year under their belt and another coming, it does put a different light on the deal, but if I was going to launch a rival offer, I would have done it a long time ago", Mr Alliance added.

Tootal is forecasting a total dividend of 4p for this year agains 3.1p which will be covered 2.3 times. No extraordinary items are foreseen.

Profits jump 15% at Laird Group

By Philip Robinson

Pre-tax profits of The Laird Group jumped 15 per cent last year. Improvements from sealing systems, services industries and specialist engineering offset the almost halved profits from transport to give Laird taxable profits of £24.1 million for the year ending last December, against £21 million last time. Turnover was barely changed at £318 million.

Laird also benefited from a much lower charge on extraordinary items, which fell from £4.87 million to £768,000 after a 10 per cent rise in the total year's dividend, retained profits more than doubled to £11.1 million.

The 5.5 net total dividend is covered 3.8 times by retained earnings and the results put the 161p share price on a fairly undemanding single-figure price-earnings ratio.

A breakdown of the result shows tat the group's sealing systems lifted profits from £7.5 million to £9.6 million; its interest in service industries climbed from £2.5 million to £5.4 million and specialist enginering scored a £3.6 million turnaround going from a £245,000 loss to profits of £3.4 million.

However, profits on its transport systems dropped from £11 million to £5.53 million. The group's second-half performance has outpaced its first.

During the first six months to the end of June, profits advanced by 14 per cent.

Since than Laird has almost halved its Metro-Cammell workforce. This was needed largely bacause of the loss of a £200 million rolling stock contract in Singapore

World trade record likely

By John Lawless

World trade will cross the $2.000 billion (£1.613 billion) level for the first time this year, with increased imports by EEC countries helping to compensate for a levelling of demand in the US, according to Japan's official trade analysts.

The Japan External Trade Organization (Jetro) says the value of global trade this year will reach $2.082.1 billion. "This will mean that it will surpass the peak of $1,994.3 billion in 1980 by 6.1 per cent."

The predictions assume real economic growth of 4.7 per cent for Japan this year, 3 per cent for the US and 2.3 per cent for the EEC.

Although EEC imports are expected to grow by 4.6 per cent, Japan's are forecast to rise by 8.9 per cent.

US bank set to buy stake in Prust

By Our City Staff

Laurence Prust, a medium-sized stockbroking firm, is planning to separate its business under the terms of a deal being worked out with an international bank and Framlington the quoted unit trust group.

If the deal is not concluded by next weekend, it is likely to be abandoned. But at the moment Prust wants to sell its £400 million worth of discretionary management funds to Framlington and place its important corporate finance, institutional and research business with a bank, which would take a 5 per cent stake in the broking firm.

The front-runner to take the stake is Banker Trust, the eighth largest American bank which last February admitted it was building a team to compete as a market maker (primary dealer) in the new system for trading British government securities.

Under the separation the Prust partnership would also be split. Mr William Stuttaford, Prust's senior partner, and also a director of Framlington, would depart to the unit trust group.

Still to be worked out is the position of Prust's private client business which, unlike the discretionary money, has to act on advice and is not the most profitable end of any firm.

US NOTEBOOK

Fed losing power and influence

The decline in the power of the Federal Reserve to influence events has been given its most revealing expression in the last five months.

Late last October, the Fed, in response to the proddings from internal critics (its vice chairman, Mr Peston Martin) and external critics (Preident Reagan) instituted a violent switch in policy. Money growth was powerfully accelerated.

Whereas between early June and early November money M1 grew at only 2.2 per cent a year and the monetary base (bank's reserve plus currency) grew at only 3.8 per cent a year, in the period from early last November to early last month, the annual growth rate of money M1 exploded to 12.4 per cent and the annual growth rate of the monetary base also exploded to 9.1 per cent.

Yet this explosion in money growth has produced not accelerating economic growth but continuing very modest economic growth. It has produced *not* inflation but a growing suspicion that deflation is the more likely prospect for the United States.

During this very important period for monetary policy – the five months from November to March – any of the normally expected results from accelerating money growth (inflation, accelerating growth of gross national products) were squashed by the reaction of the bond markets.

June Treasury-bond futures, which had risen from 59 in June 1984 to 71 in November, started to fall, giving an upward twist to interest rates and declining or static prices of financial assets, including stocks. By the end of February the June T-bond contract was down to 68.

The release of the first-quarter real GNP figures – showing a rise of 2 per cent a year – confirmed the breaking of the link between money and GNP.

But the bond markets are not completely unforgiving. Bond futures levelled out in February and began to rise as March progressed.

As of now, bonds are starting to look good again. Shares will benefit from the alleviation of stress in the fixed income markets. The US economy will benefit from the relief on the balance of trade. Out of it all, the Fed emerges as almost irrelevant, powerless and lost in the hinterland between money and prices/GNP, a link that appears to have broken.

Maxwell Newton

Andersen in talks on Asian link

By Ian Griffiths

Arthur Andersen, the world's largest accountancy firm, is holding talks with the top East Asian accountants, the SGV group, about a possible link-up.

The talks have been in progress since last summer and are now at an advanced stage. Representatives of the two firms are reviewing each others operations and a decision on the link should be reached by July, and it could be in place by September.

If the partnership were approved, SGV would become a member of the Arthur Andersen world partnership and provide it with valuable exposure in East Asia. SGV offices in the Philippines, Malaysia, Indonesia, Taiwan and Thailand are all considering the link up. Andersen has few offices in those countries. The SGV offices in South Korea have not yet entered into any of the talks

SGV has created a unique dominance in East Asia and many of the big eight firms use the firm to service clients in that area. It is unclear what would happen to such clients if the link up with Andersen went through.

Arthur Andersen has worldwide fees of more than $1 billion and the SGV Group earns about $40 million. The main benefit for Arthur Andersen is not the additional fees, however, but the wider spread of offices. In return SGV will receive technical support and also access to the increasingly important computer expertise

Currency watch on US banks

From Bailey Morris, Washington

The US regulatory authorities have stepped up their scrutiny of banks after the disclosure that a growing number have failed to report currency transactions totalling hundreds of millions of dollars.

Last week, several big banks disclosed to the Treasury that they had violated the US Secrecy Act by failing to report numerous cash transactions involving $10,000 (£8,065) or more with individuals and corporations.

The banks voluntarily disclosed the violations which they said were uncovered as a result of internal audits. The audits were launched in the wake of the scandal involving the First National Bank of Boston which pleaded guilty last month to a criminal charge for failing to report $1.22 billion in transactions with European banks.

In addition, First National Bank, a subsidiary of Bank of Boston, disclosed that it handled cash for reputed leaders of organizations without filing the required reports with the Administration.

Analysts said the currency violations reported last week appear to be the result of administrative errors, rather than attempts to violate the law. Nevertheless the sums involved are large, according to a Treasury official.

The list of banks reporting violations included: Irving Trust Company, Manufacturers Hanover Trust, Bank of New York, First Chicago Corporation and BankAmerica Corp.

MARKET SUMMARY

STOCK MARKETS

FT Ind Ord	964.3 (−28.1)
FT- A All Share	616.21 (−10.21)
FT Govt Securities	81.21 (+0.45)
FT-SE 100	1,277.0 (−25.9)
Bargains: 25,513	
Datastream USM	112.88 (+0.27)
New York	
Dow Jones	1,266.78 (−0.67)
Tokyo	
Nikkei Dow	12,580.76 (+38.16)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	1,382.04 (+21.35)
Amsterdam:	202.7 (−2.9)
Sydney: AO	829.7 (+18.9)
Frankfurt:	
Commerzbank	1,180.9 (−41.5)
Brussels:	
General	252.66 (−55.96)
Paris: CAC	211.0 (+2.9)
Zurich:	
SKA General	337.90 (−7.7)

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New York: $329.65

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Friday's close and change on week

London:
£: $1.2355 (+0.0645)
£: DM 3.8090 (+0.0261)
£: SwFr 3.2154 (+0.018)
£: FFr 11.6321 (+0.0684)
£: Yen 310.05 (+10.74)
£ Index: 77.2 (+1.7)

New York:
£: $1.2485
$: DM 3.0587
$ Index: 145.9 (−3.9)

BOARD MEETINGS

TODAY – Interims: Photo-Me-International, Walker and Homer. Finals: Baillie Gifford Technology, Richard Clay, E. T. Sutherland and Son, Kleinwort Benson Gold Fund, London and Edinburgh Trust, Stanley Miller, Planet Group, Queens Moat Houses, Rotaflex, Slough Estates, Spirax-Sarco Engineering, Watts Blake Bearne.

TOMORROW – Interims: Aranson Group, Floyd Oil Participations, Logica, New Court Trust, Steaua Romana, Tyzack Turner. Finals: Alexandra Workwear, Arcolectric, Brammer, BSG International, Coates Bros, Christies International Consultants (Computer and Financial), Eastern Produce, Empire Stores (Bradford), Evered Holdings, Johnston Group, Keep Trust, Kleinwort Benson Sterling Asset Fund, Lambert Howarth, Macfarlane Group (Clansman), Parambe, Pearson, Stag Furniture, Stewart Wrightson, Television Services International, C. Wilson, A. Wood and Son (Longport).

WEDNESDAY – Interims: A. Beckman, AB Electronic Products, Bruntons, Lasmo, TR City of London Trust (third quarter). Finals: Amec, Associated British Ports, Blockleys, Beauford Group, Bodycote International, Cookson Group, Glynwed International, Guardian International, Guardian Royal Exchange, Higgs and Hill, I and J Hyman, Industrial Scotland Energy, London and Manchester Group, Albert Martin, Wm Morrison Supermarkets, Newarthill, Portals Holdings, Senior Engineering, Sun Alliance and London Insurance, Thurgar Bardex, Weir Group.

THURSDAY – Interims: Ash and Lacy, Druck Holdings, Save and Prosper Sterling Deposit Fund. FINALS: Conder Group, Elys (Wimbledon), Exeter Building and Construction, Gaskell Broadloom, G W Sparrow and Sons, Trans-Oceanic Trust, Wereldhave NV.

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The profits of Gardner and Preston Moss, and Financial Programs both in the USA, and of Britannia International in Jersey increased to £5,100,000 for 1984. Funds under management in the USA and Jersey were £3,400 million at 31 December.

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Unaudited 1984 Preliminary Results

	1984	1983
Total pre-tax profits	£23.7m	£11.2m
Pre-tax profits (excluding extraordinary profits and exchange gains)	£14.1m	£10.1m
Earnings per share	6.3p	6.1p
Ordinary dividend proposed (1983 paid)	2.5p	2.2p
Funds under management	£4,800m	£3,200m

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Gilts: battle of the banks and building societies

The Governor of the Bank of England made an important speech last week. Addressing the Finance Houses Association, Robin Leigh-Pemberton discussed demand for credit in Britain. His message was sombre. The Governor described the growth in consumer credit business over the last three years as "astonishing".

He added that private sector demand for credit began to accelerate towards the end of last year, and reached an annualized rate of growth of 20 per cent.

The Governor blamed upward pressure on the monetary aggregates, following heavy consumer demand for credit, for causing short-term rates to be at times higher than they would otherwise have been. He then suggested that balance sheet considerations might dictate a slowdown in future in consumer credit growth. "The household sector's debt is now equal to its annual disposable income, and the percentage of its income devoted to paying the net of tax interest on this debt has doubled in the last six years", the Governor said.

But he confessed that he was baffled by possible future trends in household demand for credit. "It must be a major question – to which I can offer no definitive answer – as to how much further consumers will be prepared to go in raising their commitments," he said.

And no reason for the Governor's uncertainty? Partly, it is attributable to the growing threat to monetary control from competition between banks and building societies. Building societies' net lending has exceeded considerably the amounts needed to finance net additions to the housing stock.

Last week, the Governor estimated this excess figure – or equity withdrawal – at about £7 billion, or a staggering 40 per cent of the total of net new lending for housebuying last year.

He hoped that as banks and building societies began to compete more overtly for the same business, "the results of extra competition should not pose undue problems for monetary control". But here again, he confessed that he saw no simple answer.

It is easy to sympathize with the Governor. The £7 billion of lending would not inthe past have been advanced by the building societies, and thus more properly belonged to the banking system. Bankers have lost market share by virtue of building society aggression.

But the banks would maintain that they, too, have been sacrificial victims on the altar of the monetary aggregate – £M3 – while building society advances crop up in PSL2, which has not been targeted but which has expanded far more quickly.

The banks' simple response to this erosion of their market share is expected to be quite tough in the months to come. Gilt market analysts now see the clearers poised for a big rise in lending in the spring and summer. This alone, if it materializes, means that the authorities will experience growing problems of monetary control. They will need to sell a substantial amount of gilts to neutralize the impact of the advances on the monetary aggregates.

Other factors also come into play. Last week, the building societies made it clear that they had no plans to cut their mortgage rate in the short term, hoping to stimulate a rapid inflow of funds. Meanwhile, and quite discreetly, National Savings is raising its deposit rates.

National Savings met its funding target for 1984/5 of £3 billion, but the quality of funds inflow was poor. Only a third was the result of net new cash, with the balance stemming from accrued interest on current balances. National Savings is obviously planning to start the new fiscal year in sparkling style.

All this adds up to a great scramble for deposits, where the banks, on past form, may well lose out because of the political sensitivity of their activities. This will not improve the delicate state of their relationship with the Bank of England, which last week was described as strained.

Broadly the banks have been forced to pledge gilts, part of their asset base with the Bank of England, in exchange for loan facilities which enable them to continue lending without bidding for deposits. This in turn might push up rates.

But the yield differential which has opened up between short gilts and interbank rates, now about one point, means the banks are reluctant to hang on to their gilts, because they look expensive relative to money market rates.

The banks, therefore, join the discount houses in expressing a common dislike for the present conduct of monetary policy. Few of the discount houses are making money – Union is making losses – because of the twin impossibility of securing a decent running margin on the book, because of the yield split between shorts and money market rates. Capital profits are hard to come by, since the gilts market is now so erratic.

This explains why the gilts market put up a mediocre showing last week, when sterling bounced up to $1.24, and base rates fell by another half-point to 13 per cent. Yields on shorts barely moved. Long prices improved by about a point.

The degree to which the Bank has been forced to acquire gilt pledges has destroyed that part of the securities market as a true indicator of money costs. Yet the Bank dare not cease intervening, since the banks would *immediately* start bidding up the cost of deposits, to compete with the building societies. Meanwhile, the bill mountain keeps growing.

The dicotomy in the securities market is neatly paralleled by the contradictions between internal and external British policy considerations. Normally, policy is structured so that both requirements dovetail. Now however both components are pulling in opposite directions.

The Governor, in his speech, appeared to look to higher rates, as a way out of the dilemma. But the changing status of the dollar rules this option out, unless accompanied by other measures. Meanwhile, the banks and the building societies prepare for battle.

USM REVIEW

Full listing for dazzling Spring Ram

The USM loses one of its most successful companies today as **The Spring Ram Corporation** is elevated to full listing.

The company, the junior market's nineth largest constituent with a £43 million captalization, has had an exciting run since it arrived nearly two years age via a placing by County Bank and Panmure Gordon and Co, the broker.

Placing price was equal to 52½ a share. They are making the transition at about 200p having touched 220p early last week when the company announced a dazzling profits advance.

With sales up 53 per cent to £19.4 million, the makers of bathroom and kitchen products, achieved an 88 per cent pretax profit advance to a little over £3 million.

Not at all bad for a business with profits of just over £1 million under its belt when it arrived on the USM.

In fact SRC is the sort of company for which the USM was created. It was founded in 1979 by Mr Bill Rooney, aged 44, and Mr Bob Murray, aged 38. Both had considerable experience of the home improvement industry when they decided to set up their own shop.

Today, SRC is a power in the bathroom and kitchen business. And it is making rapid progress on the export front.

Mr Rooney, an enthusiastic entrepreneur, is convinced SRC will continue to make rewarding progress this year.

He says the year has started well and although the City ponders whether the speed of SRC's growth can be maintained there is no doubt that the company will still be an exciting investment now it is graced with full listing status.

But as SRC departs – others join. Dealings started on Friday in **Laidlaw Thomson Group**, the architects' ironmongers, and today, it it the turn of **Associated Steel Distributors** to make its debut.

Laidlaw Thomson opened at 86p, against an 82p placing price.

ASD, placed at 155p by Hambros Bank and de Zoete & Bevan, the broker, is expected to achieve up to a 10p premium over the 155p placing price.

The company is a modern version of the old-fashioned steel stockholder.

Hambros has placed 12 per cent of the capital at 6.7 times last year's earnings. At the placing level the company is valued at £11.1 million. Pretax profits last year were £1.9 million. There is no forecast for this year.

ASD has been spun off from a company called CCC which is half owned by the Oppenheimer family – Mr Ralph Oppenheimer is ASD's chairman – and the American McDermott International, a diversified group.

The Americans became involved when they acquired Coutinho Caro, a German company.

CCC achieved profits of £4.2 million in its last financial year from sales of £190 million.

The spin-off of ASD could be followed by other flotations from the widely-spread CCC group. However, there are no immediate plans for any such sale and it is unlikely that CCC itself will come to market.

CCC is retaining a 79 per cent shareholding in ASD. But this involvement is expected to be diluted.

Shares in **CVD Incorporated**, the US maker of lasers for medical and industrial uses, received a lift in the past week following a visit from Mr Bob Donadio, the chairman.

He spoke to 20 English and Scottish institutions, putting them in the picture on CVD's trading. The company is on target for 1985, apparently.

Interim figures published earlier this month showed a profits rise from $441,000 to $692,000 (£647,000 at the exchange rate on March 4), and the City now looks forward to a full year total of about $1.6 million.

Analysts also asked Mr Donadio about 1986, and heard encouraging words. Phillips & Drew, the broker which brought CVD to the market last November, forecasts profits of $2.5 million for next year.

CVD has become known for its involvement in the American Government's Star Wars project.

CVD is opening a sales office in Britain in the next couple of months, and plans to produce here are also still around, though a British factory is a year or more away.

The share price on Friday was 223p, up 3p on the day and a long way ahead of the 105p placing of five months ago.

Derek Pain and Pam Spooner

UNLISTED SECURITIES

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div yld %	P/E
8,130,000	A & M Hire	18½	−½	0.9b	0.8	13.8
6,720,000	Aerolite	128	● ..	4.0	3.1	15.9
40.5m	Access Satellite	235	+10	2.8b	1.2	..
40.9m	Acorn Comp	27	+2	1.4	6.3	19.0
1,242,000	Acsis	23	..	..	..	18.0
4,000,000	Adam Leisure	16	+4	1.4	8.9	2.1
43.0m	Addison Page	265	−15	3.3	1.2	40.8
15.8m	Air Call	280	−10	8.0	2.9	11.9
8,600,000	Alida	172	+1	9.3	5.4	13.8
13.8m	Alphameric	98	−2	1.0	1.0	24.4
2,200,000	Applied Botanics	4½	+½	..	..	..
16.3m	App Holographics	255	+10	..	..	..
——	Do Wrnts	210	+5	..	..	..
75.9m	Aspinall	146	+12	4.3	2.9	13.6
57.0m	Asprey	297	..	28.4	2.8	13.9
4,708,000	Assoc Energy	68	−5	1.4	2.1	16.6
3,912,000	BTS Group	78	+3	4.9	6.4	10.9
2,790,000	Bedford (William)	186	−2	..	..	..
7,647,000	Bennett & Fountain	13	+½	0.6	4.6	15.7
2,400,000	Bensons Crisps	50	..	2.7e	5.4	5.9
6,068,000	Berkeley & Hay	10½	+1½	..	..	..
15.4m	Berkeley Exp	140	..	..	..	..
16.1m	Berkeley Gp	166	−4	5.1	3.1	17.7
2,792,000	Bio Isolates	33	+3	..	..	..
1,086,000	Biomechanics	13	−1	..	..	..
10.5m	Blue Arrow	161	−5	0.9	0.5	23.6
8,211,000	Bluebird Toys	135	+3	4.5	3.3	18.4
29.0m	Body Shop	580	+5	3.9	0.7	48.1
4,167,000	Breakmate	115	+8	3.6	3.1	16.1
3,080,000	Brevilla Europe	18	..	..	..	4.8
6,236,000	Brewmaker	36	−3	1.1	3.2	18.3
15.5m	Brikat	360	+5	1.1	0.3	41.0
3,407,000	Brint	86	..	..	..	..
8,820,000	Britannia Sec	65	−4	1.4	1.8	15.8
8,474,000	Br Bloodstock	245	+6	10.4	4.2	12.9
10.8m	Bryant (Derek)	436	● −40	10.5	2.4	14.5
——	Bula Resources	13	..	..	..	..
2,053,000	Business Comp	35	..	1.4	4.1	5.8
17.9m	CML Micro	205	−15	2.0	1.0	29.8
29.6m	CPS Comp	120	−1	1.4	1.2	17.9
8,288,000	CPU Comp	51	..	2.0e	3.9	8.1
28.0m	CVD	223	+28	..	..	..
——	Caledonian Oil	375	..	..	..	..
3,345,000	Camvermoor	81	+8	5.2	6.4	16.4
5,500,000	Cap Tv Facilities	55	s −1	3.4b	6.2	20.8
9,653,000	Cass	165	..	6.2	3.8	11.1
3,960,000	Castle (G B)	33	−3	4.1	12.5	4.8
45.7m	Central TV	189	+4	12.9	6.8	12.0
5,490,000	Checkpoint Europe	135	+5	..	..	22.9
451,000	Chem Methods	13	..	3.0	23.1	..
2,805,000	Citer	18	+6	..	..	2.7
5,117,000	Circuprint	97	..	1.0	1.0	8.0
2,847,000	City Site	78	..	1.0	1.2	81.6
1,700,000	Do 10%	68	● ..	2.9	4.2	..
4,612,000	Clogau Gold	33	+2			..
7,755,000	Cluff Oil	61	+13			..
16.5m	Do 'B'	59	+6			..
——	Do Wrnts	15	+2			..
10.8m	Cobra Emerald	108	+3			..
4,915,000	Comp Financial	123	+3	1.9	1.5	21.6
9,804,000	Compsoft	128	−1	2.1	1.7	27.8
5,182,000	Consultants	62	..	0.5	0.9	12.6
4,812,000	[illegible]	95	−1	7.1	7.5	10.1
11.5m	[illegible] Microwave	453	● ..	5.1	1.1	25.8
14.2m	Cornell	245	+5			
3,150,000	Cranphorn	218		7.4	3.4	9.6
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div yld %	P/E
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FINANCIAL TRUSTS

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div yld %	P/E
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China tightens money with loan rate rise

Peking (Reuter) – China's central bank is raising interest rates today in the latest move to tighten lax monetary and wage policies that sparked an inflationary boom last December.

Rates on loans for working capital rise from 7.2 per cent to 7.92 per cent, while interest on one-year deposits goes up from 5.76 to 6.84 per cent, the People's Bank of China said.

But rates on loans used by the state to purchase grain, cotton and oil-bearing crops will remain unchanged, the bank said.

The official New China News Agency said the Government had authorized the bank to adjust interest rates charged to other state-run banks as necessary.

The People's Bank was being given the right to intervene when violations of policy occurred.

● A clearer picture of China's problems with inflation and monetery control, including foreign exchange expenditure, has emerged, but so far, only one head – that of the Bank of China president, Mr Jin Deqin – has rolled, Mary Lee writes from Peking.

The vice-premier, Mr Yao Yilin, said Mr Jin had been "removed from his post because he violated discipline". This is the first official reference to Mr Jin's removal, reported to have resulted from his failure to comply with directives to cut back on discretionary bonus payments.

Sorting out the trouble in the monetery sector – as much a political as an administrative problem in the present economic reform programmes – will be the main task of the new head of the country's central ban, the former foreign economic relations and trade minister, Mdm Chen Mu Hua.

The Premier, Zhao Ziyang, referred to the "conspicuous" problem of the issue of too much currency – through bank loans mainly – in his speech opening the new session of the National People's Congress last week. In 1984, bank loans rose by nearly 29 per cent over 1983.

This, he said, had led to a rise in the prices of some commodities.

Mr Yao said later that 8 billion yuan ($2.4 billion) more currency had been issued last year. He said that the state spent more than $2 billion on foreign imports. He described these as "commodities from foreign countries which sell well at home" – which was taken to mean consumer items. China imported 1.56 billion worth of foreign technology last year.

Analysts say that this is not excessive, since the state economic commisssion had said last November that China would spend $14.2 billion ($16.67 billion) of its foreign reserves to import foreign technology over three years to upgrade industrial plant.

What is not clear, however, is whether the $2 billion-worth of items Mr Yao referred to were separate from the technology items and if so, whether these had been planned.

The Laird Group
PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY

Results 1984

	Year to 31 December 1984 £'000	Year to 31 December 1983 £'000
Turnover	**318,405**	305,519
Profit before taxation	**24,115**	21,078
Taxation	(7,882)	(7,469)
Profit on ordinary activities after taxation	**16,233**	13,609
Extraordinary items	(768)	(4,879)
Profit for the financial year	**15,465**	8,730
Dividends	(4,318)	(3,926)
Retained profit for the financial year	**11,147**	4,804
Earnings per Ordinary Stock Unit	20.7p	17.3p
Net dividend per Ordinary Stock Unit	5.5p	5.0p
Dividend cover	3.8	3.5
Net assets per Ordinary Stock Unit	137.9p	112.7p

Dividend
A final dividend of 3.2p net is recommended. This will increase the total dividend for the year from 5p net for 1983 to 5.5p net for 1984.

Analysis of turnover and profit

	1984		1983	
	Turnover £'000	Profit £'000	Turnover £'000	Profit £'000
Sealing systems	71,417	9,608	65,810	7,557
Service industries	87,914	5,418	66,845	2,597
Specialist engineering	78,333	3,420	76,404	(254)
Transport systems	80,741	5,536	96,460	11,034
	318,405	23,982	305,519	20,934
Net interest		133		144
Profit before taxation		24,115		21,078

Taxation
The taxation charge includes overseas taxation of £4.0 million (1983 £3.8 million).

COMPANY NEWS

● **MOORGATE MERCANTILE:** has acquired from Spring Gardens Securities its medium-term, secured mortgage lending business. Spring Gardens is a finance company and licensed deposit-taker under the Banking Act, 1979 and is based in Oldham. The consideration for the acquisition is the net book value of the portfolio of mortgage investments which is being taken over, about £434,064.

● **CONROY PETROLEUM – NATURAL RESOURCES:** The boards of Conroy Petroleum and Natural Resources and Minquest Resources have reached agreement whereby Conroy will acquire Minquest for a consideration of 1.2 million Conroy shares. The agreement is subject to approval by the Stock Exchange and shareholders of both companies.

● **PROVIDENT FINANCIAL'S** offshoot, Whitegates Estate Agency, has completed the acquisition of certain of the assets of the business of Peter Vickerman and Co., an estate agency business with four branches in Cheshire and Greater Manchester. The consideration was £161,980.

● **MAYBOX GROUP** has acquired the lease of the Whitehall Theatre from Mr Paul Raymond. Maybox comprises the Albery, Criterion, Piccadilly, Wyndham's and Donmar Warehouse theatres, which were acquired in September, 1984. Mr Raymond is arranging to auction the items presently on display in the theatre as the Theatre of War and, following their removal, Maybox will be operating the Whiteball from the autumn as a venue for live West End theatre.

● **ARTHUR LEE AND SON** has transferred the operations of its subsidiary, J. A. Hemming of Brownhills, West Midlands, to Brymill and in exchange, has acquired the operations of Brymill Stockholders of Greenford, Middlesex. In addition, Brymill has made a cash payment of £650,000 to Lee.

● **ASR HOLDINGS:** The boards of Minit International and ASR have agreed the terms of recommended offers to be made on behalf of a newly-formed, wholly-owned British subsidiary of Minit to acquire ASR. The offer values the ordinary stock at £9 million.

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Barclays	13½%
BCCI	13½%
Citibank Savings	†12¾%
Consolidated Crds	14%
Continental Trust	13%
C. Hoare & Co	*13½%
Lloyds Bank	13%
Midland Bank	13½%
Nat Westminster	13%
TSB	13%
Williams & Glyn's	13½%
Citibank NA	13%

† Mortgage Base Rate.

* 7 day deposits on sums of under £2,000, 10½%; £2,000 up to £10,000, 11½%; £10,000 up to £50,000, 11¾%; £50,000 and over, 12%.

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ISSUES OF GOVERNMENT STOCK

The Bank of England announces that Her Majesty's Treasury has created on 29th March 1985, and has issued to the Bank, additional amounts as indicated of each of the Stocks listed below:

£250 million 10½ per cent EXCHEQUER STOCK, 1997
£500 million 9½ per cent CONVERSION STOCK, 2004

The price paid by the Bank on issue was in each case the middle market closing price of the relevant Stock on 29th March 1985 as certified by the Government Broker.

In each case, the amount issued on 29th March 1985 represents a further tranche of the relevant Stock, ranking in all respects *pari passu* with that Stock and subject to the terms and conditions of its prospectus, save as to the particulars therein which related solely to the initial sale of the Stock. Copies of the prospectus for 10½ per cent Exchequer Stock, 1997 dated 14th October 1977 and of the prospectus dated 13th January 1984 for 10 per cent Treasury Convertible Stock, 1990 (which contained the terms of issue of 9½ per cent Conversion Stock, 2004) may be obtained at the Bank of England, New Issues, Watling Street, London EC4M 9AA.

Application has been made to the Council of The Stock Exchange for each further tranche of stock to be admitted to the Official List.

The Stocks are repayable at par, and interest is payable half-yearly on the dates shown below:

Stock	*Redemption Date*	*Interest payment dates*
10½ per cent Exchequer Stock, 1997	21st February 1997	21st February 21st August
9½ per cent Conversion Stock, 2004	25th October 2004	25th April 25th October

The further tranche of 10½ per cent Exchequer Stock, 1997 will rank for a full six months' interest on 21st August 1985. Dealings in the further tranche of 9½ per cent Conversion Stock, 2004 for settlement prior to 25th April 1985 will, in common with the existing Stock, be effected on an ex-dividend basis.

BANK OF ENGLAND
LONDON
29th March 1985

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Life with Lions appeals to Doyle

By David Hands

The leadership and organization which Ireland have enjoyed this season speak volumes for Ciaran Fitzgerald, the captain, and Mick Doyle, the new coach. Fitzgerald's achievement in captaining two triple crown sides significantly different in personnel and outlook is testimony to his qualities. I suspect he may find Saturday's triumph more satisfying than that of 1982, achieved as it was without the same depth of experience.

Doyle's achievement has been as much psychological as anything else. He has convinced a young group of players that they have the ability to play rugby on whatever terms: mixing it with the aggressive French, outrunning the mercurial Welsh, stealing the spoils from the stolid Scots and English. In doing so, he has placed himself firmly in the running for the position of coach to the 1986 British Lions, assuming their tour to South Africa goes ahead. Doyle agreed on Saturday that he would enjoy the job, but he would not take it at the expense of resigning as Ireland's coach.

"There is an enormous amount of talent in British rugby which isn't being used," he said. "We are always looking at the strengths of the other teams but there is no way New Zealand or Australia or South Africa are better than we are."

The 44-year-old former Ireland and Lions flanker had a notable playing career himself. His approach to coaching reflects his business life, in which the practical side has always complimented the academic side. To say that he is merely a veterinary surgeon is to overlook the broad horizon he views, from a chunky, twinkling frame, encompassing consultancy to several companies in the poultry industry and partnerships in firms working in the hygiene and nutrition fields.

His has been the appliance of science, uncluttered by the rote which formal coaching certificates sometimes imply. He learned from those Irish forwards who played with the successful 1971 and 1974 Lions, from those he played with at Blackrock College and Naas, where he still lives, and he has accepted what the players who he has coached with Leinster and now with Ireland have had to offer him.

What he has given them in return is evident in the way an essentially new international team has handled itself in two demanding away games, a physical home game and this last, bubbling pressure-cooker of a game.

Doyle's men have the confidence to make decisions not necessarily to play running rugby whatever the cost.

Doyle: inspiring

Championship table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Ireland	4	3	1	0	67	49	7
France	4	2	2	0	49	30	6
England	3	1	1	1	29	29	3
Wales	3	1	0	2	37	58	2
Scotland	4	0	0	4	40	64	0

Remaining match: Wales v England, April 20

Rugby Union: Ireland grasp the lifeline to the five-nations title in spite of heroic forward play by England

Kiernan opens up the lungs of Dublin

From David Hands
Rugby Correspondent
Dublin

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It was a time for politics as well as rugby in Dublin last week and if Michael Kiernan cares to run for office – any office – his popular success is assured. His dropped goal in the final minute of Saturday's game earned Ireland their second triple crown in four years (only their sixth overall) and their tenth outright five-nations championship.

The Irish have saved their best for their away days this season. Lansdowne Road has seen a niggling physical contest with France and now an exciting but technically poor match which Ireland, their talented backs hag-ridden by nerves and confronted by a zealous defence, won by a try, two penalty goals and a dropped goal to a try and two penalties.

They deserved to win not only because they had the steel to come from behind with five minutes to go and snatch two scores but because they have offered some of the better rugby seen in the championship this season.

But save a thought for England. With only 18 minutes gone they lost Melville, the scrum half, on whom rightly or wrongly many hopes had been pinned. They conceded a heartbreaking early try, were disallowed one themselves, should have scored a second, took the lead midway through the second half, yet found the cup dashed from their lips after some heroic forward play.

Poor Melville: he remains an unproven quantity at international level. He was forced to double back to save some horrid lineout ball and three Irish forwards, Fitzgerald in the van, caught him on the ground; he was led from the field streming with blood from a gash over his eyebrow which required four stitches. Slightly dazed, too, he was replaced by Hill, who played well on his first championship appearance, though I understand there is no question of Melville having sustained concussion.

Many of England's plans had worked save in one vital area, where they have done well this season: the lineout, which proved to be Ireland's lifeline.

The man who kept England at arm's length: Lenihan elbows clear with Orr lending a shoulder in support

England were prepared to use possession but sufficiently close to the scrum to enable their back row to make a maximum contribution. They did this so well that for much of the match the formidable Irish breakaways were tied in. It created a somewhat static encounter which favoured England because of the solidarity of their scrum.

Jim Fleming, refereeing his first international, was not prepared to let the rucks and mauls develop too long, though he made use of the advantage law in other areas. But the lineout was a jungle and Dooley, for one, was not sufficiiently experienced to adjust his game; we have been told the Irish had worked on their lineout in training and one could see how.

Leninan was climbing all over Dooley just as he did for Munster against the Australians last November. On that day England's Roger Quittenton refused to let him get away with it; on Saturday penalties were few and England, despite a valiant fight by Orwin, could not cope. The ball that Lenihan, Anderson and Spillane won here was vital in keeping England at arm's length because the Irish scrummage was suffering and only very late did the loose forwards find any room.

In those final despairing minutes, when it seemed the lungs of half Dublin must burst, so much breath was being held, Spillane came lunging out of his own 22; then he won a lineout and broke the English defence. With Lenihan as his main aid, the Irish forwards were able to lay back the ball for Kiernan to drop the goal which resulted in an explosion of sound.

It had started well enough for England. A 30-minute downpour just before kick-off made the ball slippery, the surface greasy and ultimately heavy and exhausting, but within two minutes Andrew had kicked a huge penalty. Directly he might have tried again for goal but Melville, reacting too quickly, kicked for territory from the halfway line and kicked poorly.

Then Dean pushed a somewhat speculative kick out of defence. Mullin followed up so fast that Martin, slow to gather and steady himself for the clearance, saw his kick charged down and Mullin gallop on for the kind rebound.

It was a lesson in economy of play that several English players may take to heart: it is hardly possible to over-emphasize the basics of touch-finding and of retaining the ball in the tackle. It was not the end of Martin's distress because the Irish began to torment him with high kicks.

For all that, it was England who created the try-scoring chances after trailing 7-3 at half-time. A forward pass between Andrew and Underwood deprived Hesford of a try while a jewel of a chip from Simms was a certain score for Smith had he retained possession of the bounce. England's try came from another exact kick, this time by Dodge after a spledidly controlled English scrum: a diagonal ball just behind the Irish defence and Underwood was round in a flash to score.

SCORERS: Ireland: Try: Mullins; Penalties: Kiernan (2) Dropped goal: Kiernan. England: Try: Underwood; Penalties: Andrew (2).

IRELAND: H P MacNeill (Oxford University); T M Ringland (Ballymena), B J Mullin (Dublin University), M J Kiernan (Lansdowne), K D Crossan (Instonians); P M Dean (St Mary's College), M T Bradley (Cork Constitution); P A Orr (Old Wesley), C F Fitzgerald (St Mary's College, captain), J J McCoy (Dungannon), P M Matthews (Ards), D G Leniham (Cork Constitution), W A Anderson (Dungannon), N J Carr (Ards), B J Spillane (Bohemians).

ENGLAND: C R Martin (Bath); S T Smith (Wasps), K G Simms (Cambridge University), P W Dodge (Leicester, captain), R Underwood (Leicester); C R Andrew (Nottingham), N D Melville (Wasps) (rep: R J Hill, Bath); P J Blakeway (Gloucester), S E Brain (Coventry), G S Pearce (Northampton), J P Hall (Bath), J Orwin (Gloucester), W A Dooley (Preston Grasshoppers), D H Cook (Harlequins), R Hesford (Bristol).

Referee: J M Fleming (Scotland).

Crisp French bread with scraps of Welsh rarebit

From Nicholas Keith
Paris

France	14
Wales	3

The noisy and exuberent faithful at Parc des Princes were served up with a victory on Saturday but this was a sandwich without filling as injuries and stoppages removed the meat from the middle, although at the beginning and end there was some crisp, fresh French bread to savour.

There was so much injury-time that play lasted well over 90 minutes and at the end France were threatening to run away with it. Yet, with Ireland winning in Dublin, this win by two tries and two penalties to a penalty was not enough to make France champions.

Although France appeared to have a clear advantage in most areas of the game, the frequent stoppages prevented them from establishing a proper rhythm and from dominating throughout. Wales hung on gamely until the 27th minute of the second half when Lescarboura kicked his second penalty to make the score 10-3 and effectively seal the match.

However, Wales had two second-half chances of becoming the first side in this championship to cross the French line. First Hadley seized on a loose ball after a high kick from Davies had eluded Bonneval, but he could not beat Blanco and was cut out near the corner flag. Then Moriarty was comprehensively upended by Lescarboura as Wales launched a promising attack in numbers down the left.

For the Welsh, none played better than Thorburn, the new cap, who was rock-solid, kicked one awkward penalty and hit a post with another. Ring also showed his paces and with two lovely runs almost penetrated the French defence. On the second occasion he found himself inside the line but with only the props, Evans and Whitefoot, in support and the move fizzled out.

Sadly, however, Davies was generally out of sorts and he missed several touch kicks. Just before the interval he also failed with a reasonable chance of a drop goal.

Wales did not dominate the line-out as had been expected and France narrowly won this phase 14-13. But their possession was far from gilt-edged and quick service was once again frustrated because of Gallion, the scrummage, took the throw-ins.

The French also kept the visitors under constant pressure in the scrummage and this dominance helped them to a magnificent start. Lescarboura kicked a penalty after two minutes for a line-out offence and in the tenth minute Estève scored a characteristic try. France attacked up the right wing through Sella, Blanco and Bonneval; when Gallion switched play to the left, Lescarboura produced an inspirational reverse pass to Blanco, who had somehow popped up in the centre, and the full back found Estève with a long pass, although it looked fractionally forward. This was a fine move which deserved a try.

Yet the French deluge never happened and Wales enjoyed their best period in the middle of the match when there was more stop-go than under any Tory Chancellor of the Sixties. Thorburn narrowed the gap to 7-3 after Holmes had been obstructed in the 37th minute.

Then came Lescarboura's decisive penalty, although Wales were slightly unlucky for losing an extra 10 metres because they failed to retire quickly enough at a penalty.

Finally, as the French regained their momentum, Gallion scored in the corner. Blanco broke, passed to Bonneval, who was tackled, and Gratton picked up the loose ball to make the scoring pass. By the end the trumpeting would have blown down the walls of the Arms Park.

SCORERS: France: Tries: Esteve, Gallion. Penalties: Lescarboura (2). Wales: Penalty: Thorburn.

FRANCE: S Blanco (Biarritz); E Bonneval (Stade Toulousain), P Sella (Agen), D Codorniou (Narbonne), P Estève (Narbonne); J-P Lescarboura (Dax), J Gallion (Toulon); P Dospital (Bayonne), P Dintrans (Tarbes, capt), J-P Garuet (Lourdes), J Condom (Boucau), J-C Orso (Nice), J Gratton (Agen), J-L Joinel (Brive), L Rodriguez (Mont-de-Marsan).

WALES: P Thorburn (Neath); P I Lewis (Llanelli), M G Ring (Cardiff), R A Ackerman (London Welsh), A M Hadley (Cardiff); W G Davies (Cardiff), T D Holmes (Cardiff, captain); J Whitefoot (Cardiff), W J James (Aberavon), S Evans (Swansea), S J Perkins (Pontypool), R L Norster (Cardiff), M S Morris (South Wales Police), R D Moriarty (Swansea), D F Pickering (Llanelli).

Referee: S Strydom (South Africa).

Campese supreme

From Tim Glover, Hong Kong

Australia, displaying the qualities that marked their successful tour of Britain, overcame a brave challenge from the Public School Wanderers to win the tenth Cathay Pacific World Sevens Tournament in Hong Kong yesterday. The Australians won a fiercely-contested final, played in a Mardi Gras atmosphere before more than 20,000 people, by 24-10 – four goals to a goal and a try.

Their style of play, perpetual backing up and the swiftness of their passing, allied to a high degree of fitness, enabled them to win one of the most competitive and colourful sevens tournaments in the world.

There were two other decisive factors. One is that national squads will always have an edge over scratch sides sent from Europe – it is time the four home countries flew the national banner in the Crown Colony – and the other was the brilliance of Campese, their wing. The tournament's leading try-scorer, he added two more spectacular efforts in the final which put the Australians out of reach after the Wanderers had led 6-0. Seven Scots, five from Kelso, were a credit to the Wanderers, who suffered in the final from having Jeffrey, their international forward, flattened by a short arm tackle from Gould.

Both sides had been flat out to win their semi-finals, the Wanderers getting the better of a marvellous match against New Zealand with two tries from Callander, while Australia were given an almighty fright by Western Samoa, who led 8-0 at half-time before going out, to a thundereous reception, 16-8. The Samoans were a revelation. They provided the upset of the tournament by knocking out Fiji, the holders and favourites, 13-4 in the quarter-finals.

SCORERS: Australia: Tries: Campese (2), Lucas, Lynagh. Conversions: Lynagh (4). Public School Wanderers: Tries: Callander, Jeffrey. Conversion: Steven.

AUSTRALIA: D Campese, M Lynagh, G Ella (rep P Cox), B Frame, R Gould (Capt), S Poidevin, P Lucas.

PUBLIC SCHOOL WANDERERS: R Baird, P Steven, J Rutherford, R Hogarth, E Paxton (Capt), G Callander, J Jeffrey.

Referee: B Anderson (Scotland).

POOL RESULTS: Pool A: Fiji 48, Kwang Hua Taipei 0; Solomon Islands 24, Kwang Hua Taipei 0; Fiji 40, Solomon Islands 0. Pool B: Western Samoa 22, Papua New Guinea 0; Japan 28, Papua New Guinea 12; Western Samoa 22, Japan 12. POOL C: Australia 48, Sri Lanka 0; Tonga 38, Sri Lanka 6; Australia 12, Tonga 4. POOL D: Wolfhounds 34, Singapore 4; South Korea 24, Singapore 4; Wolfhounds 22, South Korea 0. POOL E: French Barbarians 16, Indonesia 6; Hong Kong 8, Indonesia 8; French Barbarians 26, Hong Kong 0. POOL F: Public School Wanderers 30, Thailand 0; Bahrain 40, Thailand 0; Public School Wanderers 32, Bahrain 0. POOL G: Crawshay's Welsh 28, Malaysia 0; Canada 42, Malaysia 0; Crawshay's Welsh 18, Canada 4. POOL H: New Zealand 34, Brunei 0; American Eagles 28, Brunei 3; New Zealand 20, American Eagles 4.

Quarter-finals: Western Samoa 13, Fiji 4; Australia 36, Wolfhounds 4; Public School Wanderers 20, French Barbarians 4; New Zealand 26, Crawshay's Welsh 0.

Semi-finals: Australia 14, Western Samoa 8; Public School Wanderers 14, New Zealand 10.

Final: Australia 24, Public School Wanderers 10.

Well-timed record for Price

By Bryan Stiles

London Welsh	24
Swansea	23

The distant rumble of muffled canon from across the Channel on Saturday seemed to permeate the leafy confines of Old Deer Park where these two eminent Welsh clubs joined in a curious battle which produced a fusilade of points but little fire or fury. Perhaps the combatants had heard before they took the field that their brothers-in-arms were taking a pounding at the hands of the French.

There was plenty or earnest endeavour and the forwards performed manfully in the trenches but there was a lack of incisiveness more probably due to the absense of some of both teams' richer talents who were on duty for the national side or the Welsh students' team on Saturday.

The game certainly had its hero, Price, the London-Welsh stand-off, kicked 16 points to take his season's tally to 216 and set a club record.

Price collected all but two of his points in the first half when he had the advantage of the strong breeze at his beck and call. The fact that the exiles we able to scrape home by a solitary point was probably due to the ability of Price and his colleagues at combating the forceful wind better than their opponents when it was blowing against them.

Price almost turned into the villain of the piece in the closing stages when he twice gave away penalties which fortunately for him the visitors could not profit from. Perhaps it was right that, as this is a special year for London-Welsh, they should achieve a lucky 13th win at home over Swansea to take the lead in the series against their old adversaries, but the West walians must have been a little aggrieved to leave the Park empty-handed after having scored four tries to their opponents' two.

Price kicked his side into the lead in the 10th minute, then converted a fine try by Light after a good burst by Douglas. Ruddock, one of Swansea's shining lights, set up a try for Setaro, which Thomas converted, then Rudduck swept through for the first of his two tries.

Price's kicking gave his side an 18-10 interval lead but only had one other shot at goal, converting a try by Williams. Morgan and Ruddock completed the try count, with Thomas adding a penalty and a conversion.

SCORERS: London-Welsh: Tries: Light, Williams. Conversions: Price (2). Penalty Goals: Price (4). Swansea: Tries: Setaro, Ruddock (2), Morgan. Conversions: Thomas (2). Penalty goal: Thomas.

TEAMS: London-Welsh: P Thomas, J Hughes, M Owen, G Leleu, D Williams; C Price, M Douglas; T Jones, B Light, B Bradley, S Page, T Lewis, M Hall, D Keating (rep R Ford), M Watkin.

Swansea: M Thomas; P Morgan, G Jenkins, D Setaro, A Emyr; C Coslett, C Hutchings; C Williams, P Hitchings, K Colclough, M Ruddock, J Williams, C Booker, P Moriarty, J Roberts.

Referee: R C Quittenton (London).

Hawick home in on the championship

By Ian McLauchlan

In appalling conditions at Mansfield Park, Hawick virtually assured themselves of the Schweppes first division title as they beat Stewart's-Melville by 17 points to nine. The champions were, however, only certain of that victory in injury time when their outstanding young forward, Turnbull, charged down a clearance kick to score a try.

Stewart's-Melville put on early pressure but could not score. Hawick's first attack saw Gass kick a penalty for offside. The winger, Mitchell, then coasted in for the first try of the game and Gass kicked a further penalty to give the home side a seemingly comfortable lead.

Although they lost the flanker, Goudie, with a head knock, the Edinburgh side fought bravely. Three penalties from Scott brought them within a point before Gass eased over his third kick and then Turnbull sealed victory.

The only other first division game played at the weekend was at Ayr, where Melrose were the visitors and the victors by six points to nil. This lifts Melrose clear of relegation problems but Ayr must depend on others to keep them in the top flight.

The only score of the game came in the thirteenth minute when Melrose's international centre, Robertson, took an inside pass from Ruthven to touch down. Shiel converted, his only success from six penalty attempts and an attempted dropped goal. Ayr were well beaten despite the closeness of the score.

In the second division, Kilmarnock beat Dunfermline by 17 points to nine to win the league, while in the third division Glasgow High-Kelvinside beat Perthshire 29-0 to ensure their promotion.

TENNIS

Fledgling industry finds encouraging outlet

By Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent

The mini players, an assembly of talent and dreams impatiently waiting for muscles, have completed a three-day festival. Aptly, the setting was Telford, an assembly of light industry and open spaces waiting for a town to happen. The occasion was the climax of the Lawn Tennis Association's indoor series for players aged 16 and under and 14 and under.

Former British internationals were scattered about, remembering the vanished peaks of youth. Paul Hutchins, a track-suited Gulliver in Lilliput, practised with two of the boys. The national team manager seemed to grow taller by the minute. Up on the viewing gallery were Winnie Wooldridge and Lesley Charles, counsellors, critics and chaperones. On an end court the resident tennis director, John Paish, hit with a succession of pupils. Paish looked sleepy. He always did.

A week earlier, in Rotterdam, one had watched two young men, aged 20, contest a fist prize of more than £42,000 in front of more than 7,000 people. This time the first prizes were £50 each (plus hotel bills) and the spectators numbered about 40 at peak viewing time. Never mind that. In the early teens it is easy to mistake echoes for the roar of the crowd.

The boys' events were dominated by lads who benefit, or soon will, from specialized tennis schooling at Bisham Abbey. Danny Sapsford was supposed to be head prefect but was defied by Simon Booth. In the final Booth, 20 months older than Colin Beecher, was predictably more mature: physically and as a match player. Boldly investing in a bigger game than his strength could sustain, Beecher had only one good set in him. By contrast Booth improved, winning 7-5, 6-0.

Alison Fleming won the girls' title, neatly disposing of Suzanne McCarthy and, in the final, Teresa Catlin. Miss Fleming was relentlessly sensible and tidy and hit to a better length. Miss Catlin was tactically imaginatve, demonstrated a sure touch, but did not open her shoulders until it was too late. Miss Fleming won 6-3, 6-3.

The 14 and under winners were the well-proportioned Nicholas Smith, whose otherwise impressive game was deficient in forward momentum (he took the ball too late), and the slim and supple Sarah Loosemore, whose aptitutde will be even more evident when refined by consistent ball control.

Boys and girls alike mostly showed a welcome eagerness to go for winning shots. Such big shots are acquired in adolescence or not at all. Disciplined ball control can come later. The finals were encouraging. But we cannot know how much the game will mean to these players four or five years' hence – and how much they will mean to the game.

FINALS: Boys 16 and under: S Booth (Warwicks) bt C Beecher (Kent), 7-5, 6-0. Girls 16 and under: A Fleming (Leics) bt T Catlin (Cambs), 6-3, 6-3. Boys 14 and under: N Smith (Lancs) bt S Cornish (Somerset), 7-6, 6-3. Girls 16 and under: S Loosemore (Wales) bt H Walters (Bucks), 7-5, 6-3.

Lendl's aim

Monte Carlo, (Reuter) – Ivan Lendl, a victim of injury here last year, will aim to put that memory behind him at the Monte Carlo Open, which begins today. Lendl withdrew at the quarter-final stage last year.

ROWING

British eight far too fast for Fiat

By Jim Railton

The British national squad was in a class of its own in the 51st Head of the River Race from Mortlake to Putney, on Saturday.

The national eight finished 26 seconds (eight to nine lengths) ahead of their immediate pursuers, Fiat Avrazione, of Italy.

The threat from the top Italian entry, Campania 'Gen-Set', never materialized. Campania started as a new entry in 323 position and rose to seventh.

London University finsihed a creditable third, a second down on Fiat, to win the Vernon Trophy for the fastest Tideway crew. Hampton School posted their intent for the season when they finished nineteenth to win the Senior C pennant. Durham surrendered their university title, after a long reign, to Reading.

Isis, who contest next Saturday's Boat Race for second crews finished 14sec and 14 places higher than their arch-enemy, Goldie.

RESULTS: 1, ARA National Squad, 17min 47sec; 2, Fiat, 18:13; 3, London University, 18:14; 4, Nautilus Lightweights, 18:19; 5, Vesta, 18:23; 6, Nottingham County, 18:27; 7, Campania, 18:27; 8, Tyrian, 18:28; 9, Molesey, 18:28; 10, Leander, 18:31; 11, Tideway Scullers, 18:32; 12, Thames, 18:37; 13, Lea, 18:38; 14, Nautilus Lightweights II, 18:43; 15, London University II, 18:44; 16, Nottingham County II, 18:50; 17, London, 18:50; 18, Molesey II, 18:54; 19, Hampton School, 18:50; 20, Henley, 19:02.

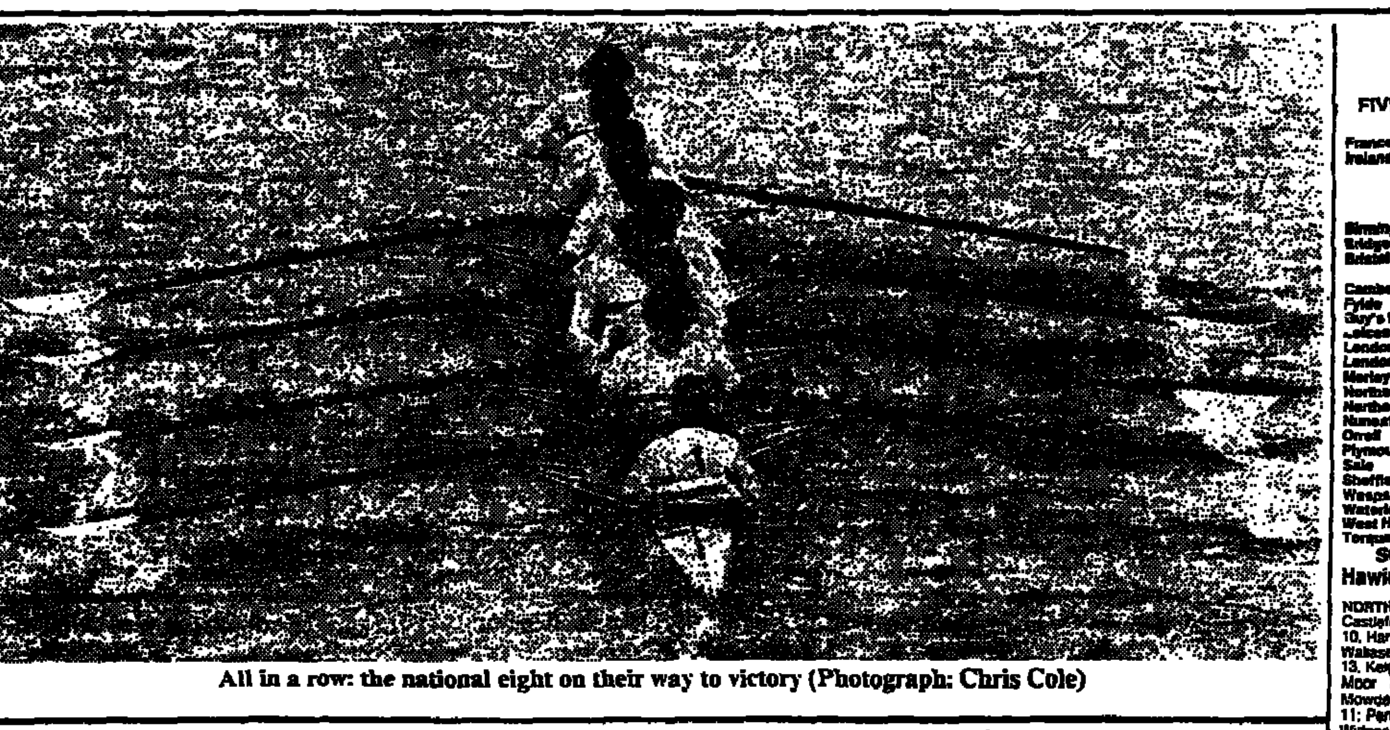
AWARDS: Vernon Trophy: London University. Page Trophy: Molesey. Senior A: Staines. Senior B: Goldie. Senior C: Hampton. Jackson Trophy: Newark. Orthner Shield: Reading University. Novices: Imperial College II. Services: Royal Air Force.

Oxford women take honours

Oxford won the women's Boat Race at Henley yesterday (Jim Railton writes). On a day when strong winds made starting difficult for some lightweights, Oxford kept their composure under real pressure in the first half to win by 3.5sec in 5min 48sec.

Oxford's second boat, Osiris, beat Blondie, the Cambridge second crew, by eight seconds but the Cambridge men's and women's lightweights won their races, the men winning by a quarter of a length in 6min 8sec and the women finishing 10sec in front of Oxford.

Results: Women's Boat Race: Oxford bt Cambridge by 3.5sec in 5min 48sec. Second Crew Race: Osiris (Oxford) bt Blondie (Cambridge) by 8sec. Lightweights: Men: Cambridge bt Oxford by ¼ length in 6min 8sec; Women: Cambridge bt Oxford by 10sec.


All in a row: the national eight on their way to victory (Photograph: Chris Cole)

CYCLING

Top-class finish by Sanders

Peter Sanders acheived the best win of his career at Beaconsfield yesterday, when he outsprinted John Carlsen, of Denmark, at the end of the Archer RC Classic, sponsored this year by the Wincanton Motor Group (John Wilcockson writes). Sanders and Carlsen last raced against each other in the Los Angeles Olympic Games.

Carlsen provoked the break which led to the Englishman's victory with a sharp attack 25 miles from the finish of the 108-mile race. They had been in front with seven other riders after a series of abortive moves during the first 30 miles.

Sanders, aged 23, lives in Kingston, Surrey, but recently joined the Manchester Whelers, the strongest club team in Britain. As a result, Sanders had the physical and moral support of club colleague Paul Curran in the break, and of four other men in the main bunch.

Earlier in the day, Mandy Jones, the former women's world champion, reinforced her comeback to the sport by proviang the dominant rider in the Wright Women's Classic at Milton Keynes. Although she did not win, whe helped her West Pennine club colleague, Judith Painter, to victory.

WINCANTON WHEELS INTERNATIONAL: 1, P Sanders (Manchester Wheelers), 108 miles in 4hr 22min 22 sec; 2, J Carlsen (Den), same time; 3, T Stevens (34 Nomads), 4:22.51; 4, C DeNoyer (Neth), 4:23.22; 5, N Miller (VC Olympia Sport); 6, K Reynolds (Paragon CRT); 7, P Curran (Manchester Wheelers); 8, A Timmis (Paragon CRT), all same time.

WRIGHT WOMENS' CLASSIC: 1, J Painter (West Pennine RC); 2, C Greenwood (Wyvern RC); 3, T Dark (Zenith RC); 4, B Tate (Zenith RC); 5, M Jones (West Pennine).

LACROSSE

St Mary's retain clubs title

St Mary's College, Twickenham retained the All-England Clubs and Colleges title by beating West London, 4-2 in the final at Merton on Saturday (Peter Tatlow writes).

West London went two up in the first half with goals by Louise Russell and Phil Mitchell.

Vivian Jones and Di Stearne levelled the score by half-time and in five minutes extra-time St Mary's took command, Jackie Wilson and Stearne scoring the goals.

BOWLS

Allcock's revenge victory

Tony Allcock, who won the English title last week, gained revenge over the reigning United Kingdom world champion, Terry Sullivan, of Wales, in the final of the Croft Original British Open, at Darlington on Saturday.

Sullivan beat Allcock 5-4 in the UK final in November but had no answer to the inspired form of the 29-year-old Englishman. After Sullivan had hit back to take the second set and square the match, Allcock needed only four ends in both the third and fourth sets to claim the title with a 7-5, 4-7, 7-1, 7-1 victory.

The record number of entries (2,307) for the £5,000 McCarthy and Stone National Mixed Pairs competition has forced the organizers to put back the date of the finals. They will now take place on September 21 and 22, at the Hove and Kingsway club, Hove. The preliminary rounds will be on May 14.

RACKETS

Owen-Browne serves Tonbridge well

By William Stephens

Rupert Owen-Browne and Simon Davies, of Tonbridge, gave an exhilarating display to win the Public Schools Championship, defeating Eton (Peter Bailey and Matthey Smail), 15–6, 15–5, 15–8, 15–5 in the final at Queen's Club, London yesterday.

Eton were not overawed by the extreme pace generated by the brilliant double-handed stroke-play of Owen-Brown, the Foster Cup holder. The Etonians showed spirit and quick reaction, attacking the fiercest shots in the front of the court.

RESULTS: Public Schools Championship: Semi-finals: Eton (P Bailey and M Smail) bt Eton II (M Smyth-Osbourne and C Crichton-Stuart), 15–10, 15–8, 12–15, 15–2, 15–6; Tonbridge (R Owen-Browne and S Davies) bt Haileybury (S Heck and R Bonallack), 15–8, 15–3, 15–4, 15–2. Final: Tonbridge bt Eton, 15–6, 15–5, 15–8, 15–5. Professional Association Second Pairs Cup: Semi-finals: Rugby (D Hannaford and C Lindsay) bt Haileybury (J Symonds and G Tantorl), 15–4, 12–15, 15–8, 15–5, 9–15, 15–1; Harrow (O Bridgeman and P Angus) bt Eton (M Smyth-Osbourne and C Crichton-Stuart), 17–14, 15–9, 12–15, 15–11, 15–9. Final: Rugby bt Eton, 15–5, 15–11, 15–8, 15–2. Celts Doubles Under-16: Final: Tonbridge (J Longley and J Nance) bt Radley (J Meyer and K Myers), 15–10, 15–12, 9–15, 17–16, 15–7. P Gray Cup (Under-15): Final: Marlborough (A Robinson and G Barker) bt Rugby (J Warburton and R Montgomerie), 16–18, 15–8, 15–5.

RUGBY UNION RESULTS

FIVE NATIONS CHAMPIONSHIP

France	14	Wales	3
Ireland	13	England	10

CLUB MATCHES

Birmingham	6	Rugby	9
Bridgend	25	Rosslyn Park	22
Bristol	30	Harlequins (abandoned)	6
Camborne	38	Redruth	3
Fylde	16	Manchester	6
Guy's Hospital	9	Blackheath	42
Leicester	9	Headingley	13
London Irish	3	Bath	35
London Welsh	24	Swansea	23
Morley	53	St Helens	9
Northampton	12	Liverpool	19
Northern	16	Saracens	16
Nuneaton	4	Nottingham	22
Orrell	49	Roundhay	6
Plymouth Albion	19	Moseley	36
Sale	18	Wakefield	25
Sheffield	27	Birkenhead Park	13
Wasps	32	Gosforth	9
Waterloo	21	London Scottish	24
West Hartlepool	18	Broughton Park	6
Torquay	6	Sth Wales Police	26

SCOTTISH FIRST DIVISION

Hawick	17	Melville FP	9

NORTHERN: Caldy 21, Old Parkonians 4; Castleford 31, Leigh 6; Eccles 18, Metrovick 10; Harrogate 36, New Brighton 3; Hightown 9, Wallasey 20; Huddersfield 7, Hull & East Riding 13; Keighley 25, Redcar 4; Lichfield 32, Heaton Moor 3; Middlesbrough 32, Darlington 0; Mowden Park 37, Skipton 0; Otley 33, Halifax 11; Percy Park 30, Hartlepool 11; Southport 6, Widnes 3; Thornensians 15, Sedgley Park 4; Tyldesley 15, Oldham 9; Vickers SC 19, Keswick 6; West Park 16, Walsall 18; Wilmslow 19, Winnington Park 6.

SOUTH-WEST: Devon Cup: semi-final: Barnstaple 3, Exeter University 16. Bass Merit table: Stroud 4, Taunton 7. Devon Merit table: Brixham 28, Devon and Cornwall Police 19; Crediton 10, Tiverton 19; Ilfracombe 20, Cullompton 10; Ivybridge 7, Withycombe 7. Club matches: Bridgwater 6, Wolverhampton 16; Lydney 56, Falmouth 3; Wellington 14, Hayle 20; Launceston 14, Penryn 6; Exmouth 10, Truro 12; Dorchester 16, Wiveliscombe 20.

LOMBARD SHIPPING SEVEN COUNTIES MERIT TABLE: Sidcup 36, St Mary's Hospital 6; Upper Clapton 4, Oxford 26.

BISLEY OFFICE EQUIPMENT SOUTHERN MERIT TABLE: Staines 17, Abbey 9; Trojans 6, Salisbury 23.

HERTS MERIT TABLE: Cheshunt 28, Harpenden 0; Tabard 10, Bacavians 12.

RADIO KENT MERIT TABLE: Gravesend 32, Old Beccehamians 19.

SUSSEX MERIT TABLE: Crawley 17, Brighton 15.

MERIT TABLE A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pige
Sale	6	5	–	–	135	52	100
Bath	9	8	–	1	182	64	88.89
Moseley	8	5	1	2	121	112	68.75
Bristol	7	4	1	2	139	68	64.28
Gloucester	8	4	–	4	132	107	50
Leicester	7	3	–	4	120	110	42.85
Lndn Scot	5	2	–	3	65	95	40
Harlequins	6	2	–	4	71	109	33.32
Orrell	5	1	–	4	71	101	[illegible]
Lndn Irish	5	1	–	4	44	129	20
Gosforth	2	–	–	2	18	47	–
Coventry	6	–	–	6	43	133	–

MERIT TABLE B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pige
Wasps	9	8	–	1	202	83	88.89
Nott'ham	8	7	–	1	187	52	87.5
Rosslyn Pk	8	5	1	2	133	113	68.75
Waterloo	3	2	–	1	38	22	66.67
Headingley	6	4	–	2	100	79	66.67
Lndn Wlsh	5	3	–	2	111	77	60
Richmond	8	4	–	4	137	133	50
North'pton	9	3	1	5	84	108	38.89
Liverpool	5	1	1	3	55	77	30
Bedford	8	2	–	6	55	212	25
Saracens	9	1	–	8	64	172	11.11
Blackheath	6	–	1	5	84	125	8.33

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

7.30 unless stated

Fourth division

Stockport v Torquay
Tranmere v Port Vale

GOLA LEAGUE: Dagenham v Weymouth; Kettering v Altrincham; Northwich Victoria v Boston; Worcester v Frickley Athletic.

SERVOWARM ISTHMIAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Croydon v Tooting and Mitcham.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Hyde v Rhyl.

CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: West Bromwich v Everton (7.0). Second division: Grimsby v Bolton; Leicester v Middlesbrough (7.0); Sunderland v Oldham; Wolverhampton Wanderers v Leeds (7.0).

FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Brighton v Reading (7.15); Oxford United v Portsmouth.

EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Stowmarket v Lowestoft.

BRITISH UNIVERSITIES TOURNAMENT (at Cardiff): Scotland v Northern Ireland (10.45); Wales v Cambridge (11.30); UAU II v London (2.45); UAU I v Oxford (4.30).

RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCH: Glamorgan Wanderers v South Wales Police (7.15).

OTHER SPORT

TENNIS: Prudential junior under-16 hard court championship of Great Britain (West Hants LTC, Bournemouth).

SQUASH RACKETS: British under-16/19 closed tournament (at Oasis Club, Marlow).

FOOTBALL

United claim star billing for semi-final despite a poor dress rehearsal

By Leslie Duxbury

Liverpool....................................0
Manchester United..............1

There is a superstition in the theatre that a below-par dress rehearsal ensures an excellent first night. On that basis, the FA Cup semi-final between Liverpool and Manchester United ought to be a classic. For on the whole, this League meeting was disappointing. It was red-blooded enough and full of tension, but for long periods it lacked a touch of class.

Skill and vision were rarely in evidence – had the ball spent any more time in the air, particualrly in the first half, it would have grown wings in the evolutionary process – and much-vaunted forwards like Rush, of Liverpool, and Hughes and Stapleton, of United, were held in check by quick and authoratitive central defenders.

The one time the forwards got on top, Stapleton scored for United, to keep them in the Championship battle and presumably kill off Liverpool's hopes.

The goal came in the 73rd minute. For the first time in the match the buffeted Hughes was unescorted by either Hansen or Lawrenson, and had time to pick out Whiteside, who was loose on the left. To cap a collective aberration by the Liverpool defence, Stapleton was left unmarked as Huges's cross came over and the Eire international headed home.

The game began at the established pace for English football: hell for leather. Dalglish neatly fed Rush whose pass went perfectly in Nicol's stride but he shot wide. Whiteside, in his new midfield role and just as aggressive, tried to fling himself through the middle, only to be smothered by a mountain of Liverpool defenders.

However, a dire stalemate quickly followed, with the ball arcing from penalty area to penalty area like a demented spark. Neither midfield was particularly inventive or effective and with Hansen and Lawrenson, and McGrath and Hogg, ruling over their respective kingdoms, a stand-off was inevitable. Liverpool pleaded for a penalty when Albiston's legs got locked with Nicol's, but the referee decided the transgression was mutual.

The second half brought a big improvement, as Liverpool managed to achieve some of that relentless momentum which is their trade mark – few other teams can sustain forward motion for as long as they can.

But the finish was not as impressive as the build-up. Rush headed over a tempting cross; Nicol was wide when Dalglish's square pass set him up on the edge of the area; and Rush ballooned another header into Bailey's arms.

Then United scored against the run of play; but the effect on the match was crucial. Confidence oozed into United like blood from a transfusion, and they began to play thoughtfully and carefully. Olsen and Strachan bobbed and weaved, and we saw more of Robson, who had been largely invisible in the midfield maelstrom.

Liverpool, who had lost Kennedy, injured in a collision with Hughes, strove mightily to get back on terms, but to no avail. It was hardly the sort of launching pad for that semi-final and United must now be favourites to progress to Wembley.

LIVERPOOL: B Grobbelaar; P Neal, A Kennedy (sub: P Walsh), M Lawsenson, S Nicol, A Hansen, K Dalglish, R Whelan, I Rush, K MacDonald, J Wark.
MANCHESTER UNITED: G Bailey; J Gidman, A Albiston, N Whiteside, P McGrath, G Hogg, B Robson, G Strachan, M Hughes, F Stapleton, J Olsen.
Referee: J Worrall (Warrington).

Frank admiration? Whelan can only watch as Stapleton scores United's winner

Swindon win

Swindon 2 Hartlepool 1

A last minute goal by Coyne brought Swindon victory in front of their lowest league gate of the season, 2,215. Swindon fell behind to a third-minute goal by Dixon. Fifteen minutes later Taylor of Hartlepool was sent off for a foul on Hockaday, who suffered a badly gashed shin and had to be carried off. Gordon equalized after 75 minutes with a diving header and Coyne lifted a shot over Stevenson for the winner.

Leading scorers

FIRST DIVISION: K Dixon (Chelsea) 30; M Falco (Tottenham) 24; G Sharp (Everton) 24; G Lineker (Leicester) 23; G Bannister (QPR) 22; L Blissett (Watford) 22; J Wark (Liverpool) 22.

Points, not principles, the priority

By Simon O'Hagan

When Waford finished runners-up to Liverpool two seasons ago, it seemed only a matter of time before the first division got wise to their antics. In 1984 they were eleventh and this season they have kicked and rushed their way into a relegation struggle.

Down there with them are West Ham United, whose method of keeping out of trouble has been traditionally more sophisticated. When these teams meet, as they do at Vicarage Road tomorrow, it usually provides an opportunty to dwell on the contrast in styles. On this occasion, however, the points will doubtless come before the principles.

West Ham go into the match having had the fillip of an unexpected away win over **Nottingham Forest** on Saturday. Cottee put West Ham ahead, their first goal at the City Ground since Geoff Hust scored there in 1969. Goddard secured victory after Hodge had equalized. Watford, meanwhile, were losing 2–0 at **Queen's Park Rangers**, who now looking relatively stable after a spot of mid-season turbulence. Fillery scored both goals late in the first half.

Sunderland are perenially involved in a fitst division survival game and they warmed up to the coming challenge with a 2–0 defeat at home by **Chelsea**. Thomas and Davies were the men responsible for their side's gainging a little comfort after losing in the Mik Cup semi-final to the same opposition. **Coventry City**, beaten 2–1 at **Norwich City**, are fourth from bottom, level on points with Sunderland but below them on goal-difference.

Easily the most surprising result in the first division was achieved by the bottom club **Stoke City** who, in Grand National terms, should have been pulled up long ago. Painter (a penalty) and Dyson gave them a 2–0 win over a fading **Arsenal**, their first victory at home since beating Manchester United on Doxing Day. Arsenal have now gone five away games without scoring.

At the top of the second division **Oxford United** reaffirmed their potential with a 1–0 win at home against **Grimsby Town**. They are now two points behind **Manchester City** but, with three games in hand, look the best placed of all the leading clubs to go up. City were unexpectedly held at home by **Cardiff City**. **Birmingham City** and **Blackburn Rovers** both won, but **Portsmouth** could only manage a goalless draw at **Shrewsbury Town**.

George Cox

George Cox, who played football for Arsenal and cricket for Sussex, died on Saturday after a heart attack. He was 73.

Tottenham caught in own trap

By Vince Wright

Tottenham Hotspur 0
Aston Villa..............................2

One of the dangers facing teams who play the offside game is that they have to rely on the opposition being penalized. As Aston Villa's manager, Graham Turner pointed out, you leave your fate in the hands of the referee and linesmen. Tottenham Hotspur discovered this to their cost on Saturday when two border-line decisions went against them. The result was a goal in each instance and an unexpected home defeat which has damaged their chances of winning the League championship.

The way Tottenham operate the offside trap has never been entirely convincing anyway but their manager, Peter Shreeves, said afterwards that he saw no reason to abandon the tactic. One would have thought that this match would have persuaded him otherwise.

After 21 minutes Tottenham's defenders, pushing up, were caught flat-footed by Gibson's early ball which put Rideout clear. The linesman's flag stayed down and the Villa forward almost had too much time to advance, steady himself, take aim and beat Clemence.

There was even more of a suspicion of offside about Villa's second goal in the 73rd minute. Ormsby, having stopped Falco with a masterly tackle, released Walters with an impeccable, diagonal pass and Walters, as unattended as Rideout had been, adroitly sidestepped Clemence to finish flawlessly.

Despite the controversial nature of the goals, any sympathy for Tottenham would be misplaced. They were like a pianist playing all the wrong notes. Villa, however, were in perfect harmony.

Villa varied their attacks intelligently too. Withe led the line superbly and unselfishly, Walters was always dangerous and the Frenchman, Six, is beginning to adapt to the demands of English Football.

Seven of Tottenham's 11 remaining League fixtures are at White Hart Lane but that may not be tha advantage it appears. On Saturday there was a defeatist attitude among some of their supporters which seemed to communicate itself to the players. They will need to be in better heart for Wednesday's home game against the League leadrs, Everton.

TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR: R Clemence; D Thomas, M Bowen, I Crook, P Miller, S Perryman, O Ardiles (Sub: G Brooke), M Falco, A Galvin, G Hoddle, C Crooks.
ASTON VILLA: K Poole; G Williams, A Dorigo (sub: R Walter), D Glover, B Ormsby, S McMahon, D Six, C Gibson, P Withe, P Rideout, M Walters.
Referee: A Gunn (Sussex).

Everton rewrite the script

By Stuart Jones
Football Correspondent

Southampton 1
Everton.....................................2

Wednesday night at White Hart Lane was to be given top billing on the season's fixture list. In the script Tottenham Hotspur were to share their own stage with Everton, and, in probably sharing the honours, the two clubs would have prepared the way for an intriguing final lap in the championship race.

But Saturday's rehearsals went unexpectedly and horribly awry. While Tottenham were falling down at home, Everton were stretching their unbeaten run to 17 games, and their lead to three points. In winning at the Dell for the first time since 1972, they became favourites to collect the title for the first time since 1970.

Lawrie McMenemy, whose Southampton side lost 5-1 at Tottenham the previous Saturday, confirms Everton's position. "They are well organized and have a good pattern. They pack men around the ball and don't give anything away. There are areas you can penetrate Tottenham. Everton may not have their star names, but they are the better all-round team."

Everton themselves were penetrated often enough for McMenemy to claim justifiably that Southampton might have dramatically altered the picture. But Lawrence's early header was disallowed; Southall made an unreasonably fine save from Bond; Wallace, Armstrong and Lawrence fluffed their lines in promising positions; and Armstrong's penalty kick, like the soaked turf itself, was as soft as marshmallow.

"The fella was lying there when it arrived", Mcmenemy said. "If he'd moved earlier, he's have been halfway up the stairs". Apart from the referee's insistence that the ball be centred on the muddied spot, the lengthy delay over the booking of Ratcliffe for punching Lawrence's attempt over the bar tickled Armstrong's resolve. McMenemy sensibly suggests that penalties should be taken immediately before other punishments are imposed.

As against Tottenham, Southampton were penalized for their mistakes. Almost the whole defence was at fault for Everton's first goal. Four attempts to block Steven were half-hearted, Shilton could only parry Sharp's drive, and no one was covering Richardson as he ran in the rebound. Mills, hesitating inside the area, allowed Richardson to score an even simpler goal.

Southampton were treated more leniently on three other occasions. Mills, a regular culprit, failed to challenge Richardson, whose header came back off the bar, and was too hasty in challenging Sharp, who provided Richardson with an open invitation, and Sharp, released inadvertently by Armstrong's wayward back pass, rolled his effort against a post.

An FA Cup defeat by Barnsley and a draw against Stoke City last month illustrate that all is not well at home for Southampton. With the arrival of Case, a steel midfield girder, under suspension, and the return of Holmes, they may yet construct a bridge across to Europe. At the moment they are building on a blockade.

Everton can still see three signposts to the Continent, and by Wednesday night the main road, to the European Cup, promises to look ever wider. Bracewell, the victim of an ugly foul by Jordan, should recover in time, but Sheedy remains doubtful. Yet Richardson proved on Saturday that he is a striking alternative.

McMenemy's afternoon was at least lifted by Jordan's goal, a prod as he stumbled and fell, in the final minute. He also discovered afterwards that he had won the club's Grand National sweepstake. Did Howard Kendall, Everton's manager? "No, we didn't have one. We were concentrating on the game", he said. Such single-mindedness is an ominous echo of the attitude to Liverpool.

SOUTHAMPTON: P Shilton; M Mills, M Dennis, A Curtis (sub: E Collins), M Wright, K Bond, M Whitlock, G Lawrence, J Jordan, D Armstrong, D Wallace.
EVERTON: N Southall; G Stevens, P van den Hauwe, K Ratcliffe, D Mountfield, P Reid, T Steven, G Sharp (sub: P Wilkinson), A Gray, P Bracewell, K Richardson.
Referee: D Axcell (Essex).

Luton go to town with a confident smile

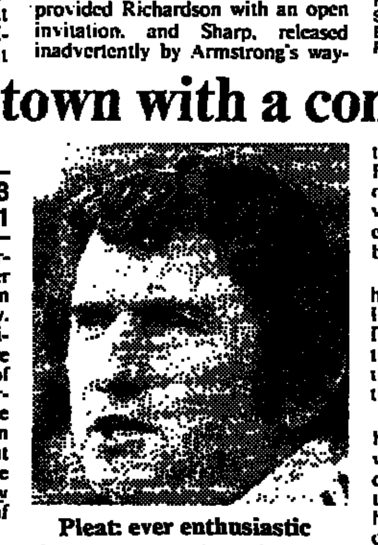
By Clive White

Luton Town.............................3
Ipswich Town.........................1

It made a change to hear the ever-enthusiastic David Pleat, manager of Luton, enthusing about his team at Kenilworth Road on Saturday. Luton's run in the FA Cup semi-final stage has given them more resilience, as his the purchase of hardened professionals like Harford, Foster and Nicholas. Since they settled into the side, Luton have gone 10 home games without defeat, and have suffered only one loss in their last nine games. They are confronting the danger of relegation with a confident smile.

It must be some time since one said of Luton that they could have won 9-1. Yet in the first 20 minutes of this strange game, one could have been forgiven for forecasting something more like 1-9. Ipswich swarmed all over Luton in that period, but were rewarded with only one goal. It should have been enough to encourage them further, but such is the fragile state of their confidence that when one went in at the opposite end they fell apart like cardboard characters.

Brennan and Gates had been given the freehold of midfield, but now Stein dropped deep to occupy Brennan, and Nicholas could give Gates more attention. Like others before them, Ipswich found it a problem containing Stein on his runs from deep positions. But Luton, unlike Ipswich, also have one or two kings, if not exactly aces, up their sleeve.



Pleat: ever enthusiastic

Harford is more than just a tall head, he is deceptively adroit on the ground, too, as he showed when scoring the third, and when putting Donaghy clean through for what should have been goal No 8 or something. Pleat said: "I paid decent money for him, and would have paid more and more again if necessary. We haven't had a forward here in years who makes the most of his physique." But it is Harford's head which hurts the opposition most, as he showed when nodding in the equalizer and earlier, when he headed against the bar.

The move of the match, though, had already been struck up by Ipswich when, following a corner, Putney and Zondervan, with first-time passes set up Gates for a first-time volley. But Gates is not usually the most accurate finisher.

Ipswich's attack was constantly being undermined by their defence, who, through their experience and quality, have held the side together this season. Three minutes before half-time, and after Hill had curled a crafty little shot against an Ipswich post, Osman failed to clear properly and a Stein back-heeled a pass which Nwajiobi just touched home under Cooper's body.

Ipswich were crumbling fast when England's centre-half, Butcher, let a softly stabbed pass by Nwajiobo slip by him to Harford, who finished impressively.

LUTON TOWN: L Sealey; T Breacker, M Thomas, P Nicholas, S Foster, M Donaghy, R Hill, B Stein, M Harford, E Nwajiobi (Sub: R Daniel), D Preece.

IPSWICH TOWN: P Cooper; G Burley, I Gernon, R Zondervan, R Osman, T Butcher, T Putney (Sub: J Dozzell), M Brennan, M D'Avray, K Wilson, E Gates.
Referee: D Letts (Basingstoke).

A winning way with spectators

By Hugh Taylor

Once again severe weather became Aberdeen's ally in their relentless pursuit of the Scottish premier division title. With all the other matches postponed, because of snow, they took full advantage of their good fortune to beat **Dundee** United 4-2 and move within six points of their second successive championship victory. With five games remaining, Aberdeen are eight points clear of closest rivals, Celtic.

Aberdeen's luck with the weather – they have not been forced to postpone one home league game this season – led to a double flip for the club, now far ahead of their rivals in skill, organization and consistency. Not only did Aberdeen clear the highest hurdle left in their run-in to the league crown, they also lifted their Scottish Cup hopes against United, who meet Aberdeen in the semi-final.

Hewitt was in excellent form again, scoring twice and assisting in another goal while Stark provided an unselfish performance which he capped by scoring his eighteenth gaol of the season. The other Dons marksman was Cowan.

Although Aberdeen were merited victors, United showed more than a few glimpses of their much-admired brand of well balanced, progressive *football and helped to present a fine* game. Bannon (penalty) and Reilly were their scorerers.

Fleetwood sail on

By Paul Newman

Fleetwood Town are through to the Wembley final of the FA Vase later this month, thanks to an own goal 10 minutes from the end of Saturday's second leg of their semi-final against **Exmouth Town**.

Fleetwood (North-West Counties League), 3-2 from the first leg at Exmouth (Great Mills Western League), levelled the aggregate score through Cain early in the second half. The winner came when Petersen, who had given Exmouth victory in the first leg with a goal two minutes from time, deflected a cross by Trainor into his own net.

Halesowen Town (West Midlands League) and **Wisbech Town** (Eastern Counties League) replay at Nuneaton Borough's ground on Wednesday after drawing the second leg of their semi-final 2-2 (aggregate 3-3). Moss gave Halesowen the lead after only 45 seconds but Scase replied for Wisbech three minutes later. Lee Joinson restored Halesowen's advatage shortly before the interval but Gallagher scored a second equalizer fo the visitors seven minutes from the end.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Rovers go roving but four are sent off

By Keith Macklin

Four players were sent off when fighting erupted in the closing stages of the game between Hull Kingston Rovers and Barrow in the Slalom Lager Championship, yesterday.

The referee, David Carter, dismissed Hull's substitute, David Watkinson, and Barrow's prop, Andy Sykes, near the end of the match. Then, in injury time, he ordered off Hull's forward, Phil Hogan, and Barrow's hooker, John Lightfoot, after another brawl.

Hull KR won the match comfortably, as anticipated, 40-18. The Rovers' tries came from Miller, 2, Rudd, 2, Lydiat, 2, Clark and Hall, with Fairbairn kicking three goals and Lydiat 1.

With the 17-year-old college student, Martin Dermott, heavily beaten in the scrums by the experienced international, David Ward, Wigan's injury-hit and battle-weary team were beaten by a rampant Leeds 36-18 at Headingley.

Leeds scored four tries in the first half, capitalizing on Ward's scrum possession and the absence of the hard-tackling Wigan forward, Ian Potter.

Although Wigan made a spirited second-half rally to score three tries, Leeds were never in any danger of being overhauled, and stay on top of the league. Their only disappointment were the injuries sustained by Grothe and Holmes.

The Leeds tries came from Paterson, 2, Creasser, 2, Grothe, Holmes and Rayne, with Creasser kicking four goals. For Wigan, Ford scored two splendid individual tries, and Courtney and Edwards also crossed, with Gill kicking a goal.

St Helen's maintained their football in the championship race in a thrilling game at Knowsley Road, making up a 10 points deficit early on to win a thriller against Warrington 30-28.

Halifax made virtually certain of avoiding relegation. They beat a Hull side with only four regulars in the squad, 20-2, with tries from Beevers, Moll and Neller, and with four goals from Agar.

FIRST DIVISION: Featherstone Rovers 42, Hunslet 19; Halifax 20, Hull 2; Leeds 36, Wigan 18; Oldham 44, Workington 6; St Helens 30, Warrington 28, Bradford Northern 44, Leigh 18; Hull Kingston Rovers 40, Barrow 18.
SECOND DIVISION: Mansfield 48, Bridgend 18; Dewsbury 20, Rochdale 14; Salford 48, Bramley 14; Southend 10, Batley 18; Whitehaven 19, Runcorn 7; York 36, Fulham 20; Huddersfield 68, Doncaster 12.

HORSE TRIALS

Olympians led by Holgate

By Jenny MacArthur

Olympic riders, led by Virginia Holgate, dominated yesterday's Brigstock horse trials in Northamptonshire, sponsored by Daihatsu, where many of next month's Badminton horse trials were having a final outing.

Miss Holgate won the advanced section I on Night Cap and section III on Priceless, on whom she completed one of the fastest rounds in that section. Mark Todd from New Zealand, the individual gold medal winner in Los Angeles, showed his Olympic horse Charisma is also right on course for Badminton by winning advanced section II.

In the first section Miss Holgate's dressage mark of 24 on Night Cap – exactly the same mark that she had at Rushall where she won last week – was two marks ahead of Richard Walker on Accumulator, who had a superb cross-country round to take second place. Madeleine Gurdon finished third after completing the fastest cross-country round on the consistent The Done Thing on which she will be competing at Badminton for the first time.

ADVANCED SECTION I: 1, Nightcap (V, Holgate), 34 pts; 2, Accumulator (R Walker), 37; 3, The Done Thing (M Gurdon), 43.
ADVANCED SECTION II: 1, Charisma (M Todd), 41; 2, Bendigo Bay (J Hewitson), 49; 3, Headley Gladiator (P Magin), 49.
ADVANCED SECTION III: 1, Priceless (V Holgate), 35.
INTERMEDIATE SECTION I: 1, Lord Wally (G Strawson), 42; 2, Mitzy Queen (J Salt), 45; 3, Scalp Hunter (S Bateson), 50.
INTERMEDIATE SECTION II: 1, Justyn Thyme VI (A-M Taylor), 37; 2, Referendum III (P Swiers), 44; 3, Night Owl (N Mckirvine), 49.
INTERMEDIATE SECTION III: 1, Horton Point (R Bevan), 37; 2, Cheal Springalong (M Comerford), 39; 3, Minuetta III (V Banks), 44.
JUNIOR OPEN INTERMEDIATE TRIAL: 1, Spy Story II (A Ramus), 42; 2, Jack O'Lantern (A Morris), 42; 3, Touch of Spirit (S Macaire), 43.

HOCKEY

East's title promise is fulfilled

By Sydney Friskin

The annual two-day divisional tournament ended at the Gateshead International Centre yesterday with East beating North 2-1 in the final. It was East's seventh successive appearance in the final, and their third win.

East, who finished their group matches with the maximum six points, proved the best side, probably because they take this event more seriously than most of the other sides. In yesterday's final, they combined well and took a 2-0 lead through Duthie, in the 21st minute of the first half, and Atkinson, on the follow-up from his short corner seven minutes into the second.

North replied in the seventeenth minute of the second half with a well-taken goal by Grimley, from a pass by Gallacher, and then began to tax the solid East defence, who were not only able to withstand the pressure but also to support the attack, in which Gladman and Diamond were conpicuous. Gladman was adjudged the player of the final by Colin Whalley, the England manager, and Nick Taylor, of the South, received the award for goalkeeper of the tournament.

Not the best of English hockey talent was on display. South, the holders, were much below strength and were comprehensively beaten 2-0 by Combined Services on the first day, and eventually qualified for the semi-finals only on goal difference. Yesterday morning, in the second of the semi-finals, East beat South 3-1, Gladman, Shaw and Atkinson scoring for East and Rule for South. Earlier, North beat West 3-1. Robbie Smith, Grimley and Mike Cattrall, from a short corner, scored North's goals; Organ, who reduced the lead to 2-1, scored for West from a penalty stroke.

EAST: S Bowling (Southgate); P Barber (South, capt), D Craig (Southgate), A Halliday (St Albans), J Duthie (Southgate), S Port (St Albans), D Atkinson (Richmond), J Shaw (Southgate), C Gladman (Old Loutonians), A Diamond (Richmond), D Beechener (Wakefield, sub: M Donnelly, Old Loutonians).
NORTH: D Thomson Preston); M Cattrall (Doncaster), P Bolland (York), B Lawton (Alderley Edge, sub: J Royce, Neston), M Wilkinson (Neston), D Stannard (Neston), D Gallacher (Bowdon), N Hughes (Wakefield, capt), R Smith (Neston), A Ferris (Southport), M Grimley (Brooklands).

Umpires: J Nash (Western Counties) and L Allen (Southern Counties).

RESULTS: Group A: South 0, Combined Services 2; North 4, Combined Services 1; North 0, South 2. Group B: Midlands 1, West 1; Midlands 1, East 5; East 3, West 0. Semi-finals: North 3, West 1; East 3, South 1. Final: East 2, North 1.

IN BRIEF

McEnroe's fourth win

Milan, (AFP) – John McEnroe claimed his fourth tournament victory this year when he beat Anders Jarryd 6-4, 6-1 in the final of a men's grand prix tennis event here yesterday. The American, who did not lose a set in the tournament, received his trophy from Bjorn Borg, the former world No 1.

BOXING: The Nevada State Athletic Commission have ordered Bey to explain why his urine showed traces of a drug after his defeat in a title bout with the world heavyweight champion, Larry Holmes, two weeks ago. A urinalysis after the March 15 bout found traces of acetaminophen. Bey has 30 days to reply.

JUDO: Neil Adams, of Britain, the Olympic silver medal winner, avenged his defeat in last year's Los Angeles final by beating Frank Wieneke of West Germany, to win the 75kg class in the West German International at Rüsselsheim on Saturday.

SQUASH: Gawain Briars, of England, won the Monte Carlo Open yesterday, with an emphatic victory over Greg Pollard, of Australia. Briars won 9-3, 9-6, 9-6, in only 40 minutes. Pollard reached the final by beating the world No. 3, Ross Norman, 3-0. Briars beat Magdi Saad of Egypt 3-0.

Slough too strong

By Joyce Whitehead

Slough won the Women's South clubs championship in Oxford yesterday, beating Portsmouth 2–0 in the final. Both teams go through to the National clubs finals.

Slough were unbeaten in their six matches, scoring 13 with only one goal against. Amanda Pottow and Leslie Hobley, always dangerous, sealed Wimbledon's fate in the quarter-finals. In the semi-final, Slouth beat Royal Ascot 2-0. Portsmouth were the surprise. They drew in the quarter-final and semi-finals, qualifying on both occasions on penalty strokes.

Northern Ireland, the holders of the Tyrone Crystal Trophy, will defend their title in the British Universities' tournament starting today at Unversity College, Llanrumney.

ATHLETICS

IAAF group to discuss timing of Seoul events

Rome (Reuter) – The International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) yesterday set up a four-man committee to deal with the contentious question of the athletics timetable at the 1988 Seoul Olympic Games. Primo Nebiolo, the IAAF president who will lead the committee, said he hoped the timetable would be ready for approval in two or three months.

The US television network, ABC, is pressing for track and field finals to be held in the mornings to coincide with prime viewing time. The IAAF and athletes are opposing such a move, saying it could put some competitors at a psychological disadvantage.

Mr Nebiolo said the IAAF council, which ended a three-day meeting here yesterday, had entrusted him and technical delegates from France, Denmark and China with drafting a timetable in consultation with the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and organizers in Seoul.

An IAAF spokesman said the final decision on the timetable rested with the federation and would probably be made at its next scheduled council meeting in Athens from July 12 to 14.

The council set the date for the first world junior championships, in Athens, for July 16 to 20, 1986.

First division

Luton Town	3	Ipswich Town	1
Norwich City	2	Coventry City	1
Nottingham Forest	1	West Ham United	2
QPR	2	Watford	0
Sheffield Wed	4	Newcastle United	2
Southampton	1	Everton	2
Stoke City	2	Arsenal	0
Sunderland	0	Chelsea	2
Tottenham	0	Aston Villa	2
West Bromwich	2	Leicester City	0

Yesterday
First division

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	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Everton	30	19	6	5	65	33	63
Tottenham	31	18	6	7	60	32	60
Manchester United	32	17	8	7	60	35	59
Arsenal	34	15	7	12	61	42	52
Liverpool	31	14	9	8	45	25	51
Sheffield Wed	31	13	12	6	48	32	51
Nottingham Forest	32	15	5	12	47	40	50
Southampton	32	14	8	10	42	40	50
Chelsea	31	12	10	9	47	36	46
Aston Villa	33	12	10	11	45	48	46
Leicester City	32	12	6	14	53	54	42
West Bromwich	32	12	6	14	44	49	42
Norwich City	30	11	8	11	38	43	41
QPR	33	10	11	12	40	52	41
Newcastle United	33	9	11	13	47	62	38
West Ham United	29	9	9	11	37	43	36
Watford	31	8	10	13	53	59	34
Sunderland	31	8	7	15	35	43	34
Coventry City	31	10	4	17	35	51	34
Luton Town	30	8	8	14	37	52	32
Ipswich Town	29	6	9	14	27	43	27
Stoke City	32	3	8	21	20	62	17

GOLA LEAGUE: Barnet 1, Gateshead 1; Bath 3, Frickley Ath 0; Boston Utd 0, Altrincham 0; Enfield 3, Scarborough 4; Kettering 0, Dartford 2; Kidderminster 3, Nuneaton 4; Northwich Vic 0, Maidstone 0; Wealdstone 1, Runcorn 0; Weymouth 3, Barrow 1; Worcester 1, Dagenham 3; Yeovil 3, Telford Utd 3.

Wealdstone 1, Scarborough 0.

SCHOOLS MATCH: North-West Cup Third Round: St Helens 1, Bury 1.

Second division

Birmingham City	1	Wolverhampton	0
Blackburn Rovers	1	Notts County	0
Carlisle United	2	Barnsley	0
Crystal Palace	1	Sheffield United	3
Fulham	0	Leeds United	2
Huddersfield Town	2	Charlton	1
Manchester City	2	Cardiff City	2
Oxford United	1	Grimsby Town	0
Shrewsbury Town	0	Portsmouth	0
Wimbledon	1	Middlesbrough	1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Manchester City	34	18	9	7	53	29	63
Oxford United	31	18	7	6	62	25	61
Birmingham City	33	18	6	9	43	29	60
Blackburn Rovers	33	17	8	8	55	36	59
Portsmouth	33	15	13	5	53	39	58
Leeds United	34	15	9	10	55	37	54
Brighton	33	15	9	9	36	24	54
Fulham	33	15	6	12	56	54	51
Shrewsbury Town	33	13	10	10	57	48	49
Huddersfield Town	32	14	7	11	44	46	49
Grimsby Town	33	14	6	13	59	52	48
Barnsley	31	12	11	8	38	30	47
Wimbledon	32	12	6	14	59	65	42
Carlisle United	34	12	6	16	44	62	42
Oldham Athletic	34	12	6	16	37	55	42
Sheffield United	33	10	11	12	50	52	41
Charlton	33	10	8	15	42	48	38
Crystal Palace	31	7	10	14	35	52	31
Middlesbrough	34	7	9	18	34	49	30
Notts County	33	7	6	20	32	59	27
Wolverhampton	34	6	8	20	31	62	26
Cardiff City	33	6	7	20	38	68	25

IRISH LEAGUE: Larne 2, Carrick Rangers 1; Portadown 1, Ards 0. Cup: Semi-finals: Ballymena 0, Linfield 3; Coleraine 1, Glentoran 2.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Bangor City 2 Horwich 1; Buxton 2 Burton Albion 1; Gainsborough 2 Rhyl 2; Goole 1 Mossley 1; Hyde Utd 3 Southport 1; Marine 0 Macclesfield 0; Matlock 4 Oswestry 2; Sth Liverpool 0 Morecambe 0; Stafford Rangers 6 Grantham 2; Workshop 4 Chorley 1.

FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Arsenal 1, Crystal Palace 0; Bristol Rovers 2, Oxford Utd 4; Ipswich 1, Birmingham 0; Portsmouth 1, Luton 3; Watford 2, Brighton 2; West Ham 1, Swansea 0.

Third division

Bradford City	1	Plymouth Argyle	0
Brentford	1	Derby County	1
Bristol City	1	Doncaster Rovers	0
Cambridge United	1	Hull City	3
Newport County	2	Lincoln City	1
Orient	0	Reading	0
Swansea City	4	Preston North End	1
Walsall	1	Bristol Rovers	2
Wigan Athletic	1	Bournemouth	2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bradford City	35	23	6	6	60	33	75
Hull City	36	19	11	6	59	37	68
Millwall	34	19	9	6	53	30	66
Bristol City	35	19	6	10	58	38	63
Gillingham	34	18	7	9	58	47	61
Rotherham United	37	16	10	11	51	43	58
Walsall	34	16	9	9	52	38	57
Bristol Rovers	34	16	8	10	49	39	56
Bournemouth	37	16	8	13	43	37	56
Reading	33	16	7	10	53	45	55
York City	36	15	6	15	56	47	51
Derby County	35	14	9	12	50	44	51
Doncaster Rovers	36	14	7	15	58	55	49
Newport County	34	11	11	12	43	45	44
Plymouth Argyle	36	10	12	14	50	56	42
Brentford	35	11	9	15	47	55	42
Lincoln City	34	10	11	13	41	38	41
Bolton Wanderers	37	12	4	21	51	56	40
Wigan Athletic	34	9	12	13	37	46	39
Burnley	35	8	11	16	49	56	35
Orient	35	9	8	18	41	61	35
Preston North End	36	10	4	22	40	80	34
Swansea City	36	7	8	21	40	70	29
Cambridge United	34	3	7	24	31	74	16

ISTHMIAN LEAGUE: Premier Division: Bognor 2, Billericay 0; Harlow 1, Harrow 4; Hendon 0, Croydon 0; Hitchin 0, Epsom & Ewell 1, Leytonstone & Ilford 1, Dulwich Hamlet 1; Slough Tn 0, Hayes 0; Tooting & Mitcham 1, Wycombe Wanderers 2; Walthamstow Ave 2, Bishop's Stortford 0; Windsor and Eton 0, Carshalton 0; Wokingham 0, Barking 1; Worthing 2, Sutton 2. First Division: Hampton 0, Aveley 1; Hertford 0, Farnborough 3; Hornchurch 3, Tilbury 3; Kingstonian 2, St Albans 0; Leatherhead 3, Clapton 1; Metropolitan Police 0, Maidenhead 3; Oxford City 1, Basildon 1; Staines 0, Chesham 0; Wembley 2, Woking 3. Second Division North: Chalfont St Peter 1, Harefield 1; Cheshunt 3, Kingsbury 1; Epping v Marlow Postponed; Rackwell Heath 3, Stevenage 1; Heybridge Swifts 1, Berkhamsted 0; Leyton-Wingate 5, Hemel Hempstead 2; Royston 2, Wolverton 1; Saffron Walden 3, Haringey 0; Tring 1, Barton 1; Ware 3, Letchworth 1. Second division South: Bracknell 0, Ruislip 0; Camberley 1, Hungerfordd 1; Egham 1, Banstead 1; Feltham 2, Rainham 1; Horsham 1, Petersfield 2; Molesey 1, Grays 2; Newbury 1, Eastbourne United 1; Whyteleafe 1, Uxbridge 1.

Fourth division

Aldershot	2	Stockport County	1
Blackpool	4	Peterborough	2
Chester	0	Mansfield Town	3
Chesterfield	2	Wrexham	1
Exeter City	3	Hartlepool United	2
Halifax Town	0	Torquay United	1
Northampton	1	Crewe Alexandra	3

Yesterday
Fourth division

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	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Chesterfield	35	20	10	5	56	31	70
Bury	36	20	9	7	62	40	69
Darlington	34	19	10	5	49	31	67
Blackpool	35	19	8	8	61	31	65
Hereford United	34	18	9	7	53	30	63
Colchester United	36	17	10	9	70	51	61
Scunthorpe United	36	16	10	10	65	46	58
Crewe Alexandra	36	16	8	12	52	48	56
Peterborough	37	15	10	12	47	42	55
Swindon Town	37	16	7	14	47	50	55
Tranmere Rovers	35	17	3	15	62	52	54
Port Vale	35	12	14	9	47	40	50
Mansfield Town	34	10	13	11	30	25	43
Hartlepool United	36	11	10	15	43	52	43
Southend United	36	11	10	15	52	70	43
Exeter City	36	11	9	16	49	68	42
Stockport County	33	11	7	15	49	53	40
Chester	35	10	8	17	45	53	38
Aldershot	33	10	7	16	38	52	37
Halifax Town	36	10	4	22	29	56	34
Torquay United	35	7	11	17	29	49	32
Wrexham	35	8	7	20	51	59	31
Rochdale	32	7	9	16	35	50	30
Northampton	36	7	3	26	38	70	24

Scottish premier division

Aberdeen	4	Dundee United	2
Celtic	P	Rangers	P
Dundee	P	Dumbarton	P
Hearts	P	Hibernian	P
St Mirren	P	Morton	P

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Aberdeen	31	23	4	4	77	23	50
Celtic	29	18	6	5	66	27	42
Dundee United	30	16	6	8	53	30	38
Rangers	30	11	11	8	38	31	33
Hearts	30	13	4	13	42	46	30
St Mirren	30	13	4	13	35	46	30
Dundee	29	11	6	12	40	42	28
Dumbarton	29	6	7	16	29	50	19
Hibernian	30	7	5	18	30	53	19
Morton	30	4	1	25	24	86	9

SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Premier Division: Alvechurch 1, King's Lynn 1; Chelmsford 1, Bedworth 2; Corby 1, Cheltenham 4; Gloucester 1, Folkestone 3; Hastings 4, R S Southampton 2; Trowbridge 2, A P Leamington 1; Welling Utd 1, Gravesend 1; Witney Tn 2, Shepshed 0. Midland Division: Dudley 3 Oldbury 0; Forest Gn 4 Sutton Coldfield 1; Hednesford 2 Bridgnorth 0; Merthyr T 3 Banbury 1; Moor Gn 0 Bromsgrove0; Redditch 3 Stourbridge 2; Rushden 3 Leicester Utd 0; VS Rugby 1 Wellingborough 2. Southern Division: Addlestone 0 Salisbury 1; Andover 1 Sheppey 3; Basingstoke 2 Dover 0; Cambridge City 2 Thanet 2; Canterbury 0 Hillingdon 1; Dorchester 2 Woodford 1; Dunstable 1 Gosport Boro 3; Erith and B 4 Ashford 1; Tonbridge 0 Poole 1; Waterlooville 3 Chatham 1.

WELSH LEAGUE: Barry 2 Ton Pentre 1; Brecon 3 Pembroke 1; Briton Ferry 1 Maesteg Pk 0; Caerleon 1 Haverfordwest 2; Cwmbran 1 Bridgend 1; Port Talbot 2 Ebbw Vale 1.

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Arnold 3, Belper T 1; Bridlington Trin 1, Alfreton T 2; Denaby Utd 2, Boston 0; Guisborough T 2, Bentley 0; Heanor T 2, Thackley 0; Ilkeston T 2, Pontefract Cols 3; Mexborough T 2, Appleby-Frod 0.

DRYBROUGHS NORTHERN LEAGUE: Chester le Street 4 Whitley Bay 2; Crook 2 Consett 2; Gretna 3 Spennymoor 1; Shildon 2 Peterlee 2; Tow Law 1 South Bank 1; hitby 1 Billingham 0.

SCHOOLBOYS INTERNATIONAL: England 0, Scotland 3.

NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: Bootle 2, Netherfield 1; Caernarfon 1, Stalybridge C 1; Curzon Ashton 1, Burscough 0; Eastwood Hanley 2, Leyland Mtrs 0; Formby 1, Congleton T 0; Penrith 1, Lancaster C 2; Prescot Cables 0, Winsford Utd 1; St Helens 4, Leek T 2.

Scottish first division

Ayr United	0	Kilmarnock	0
Brechin City	P	Partick Thistle	P
Clydebank	P	Airdrieonians	P
Falkirk	P	St Johnstone	P
Forfar Athletic	P	East Fife	P
Hamilton	1	Clyde	0
Motherwell	P	Meadowbank	P

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Motherwell	32	17	6	9	49	33	40
Clydebank	32	14	11	7	43	30	39
Airdrieonians	32	16	6	10	59	42	38
Falkirk	32	15	5	12	57	53	35
Forfar Athletic	32	12	10	10	46	41	34
Clyde	33	12	10	11	39	38	34
Brechin City	32	14	6	12	43	43	34
Hamilton	33	13	8	12	38	43	34
East Fife	32	11	11	10	50	48	33
Ayr United	33	11	9	13	43	43	31
Partick Thistle	32	10	7	15	41	47	27
Kilmarnock	33	8	10	15	31	52	26
Meadowbank	32	7	10	15	41	56	24
St Johnstone	32	9	5	18	44	60	23

FA VASE Semi-Finals: Fleetwood 2, Exmouth 0 (4-3); Halesover 2, Wisbech 2 (3-3) replay Weds.

LONDON SPARTAN LEAGUE: Beaconsfield 0, Burnham 3; Brimsdown 2, Collier Row 3; Northwood 0, Hanwell 1; Edgware 1, C Casuals 5; Pennant 0, Amersham 2; Thatcham 0, Swanley 0; Waltham Abbey 3, Danson 2; Crown and Mnr 2, Thames Poly 0; N Greenford 2, Southwark Spts 0; Royal Arsenal 1, Yeading 3; Ulysses 2, Penhill Std 1.

LONDON SENIOR CUP: Semi-finals: Bromley 1, Finchley 0; Fisher 2, Southall 1.

ARTHURIAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Brentwoods 6, Foresters 2; Lancing Old Boys 4, Aldenhamians 1; Westminsters 0, Malvernians 0; First division: Bradfieldians 6, Wykehamists 1; Harrovians 2, Citizens 1; Salopians 3, Reptonians 1; Wellingburians 3, Etonians 0.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE SENIOR TROPHY: Semi-final: Moreton 2, Sharpness 3. **WILTSHIRE SENIOR CUP:** Semi-final: Supermarine 2, Chippenham 1. **EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE:** Brantham 1, Soham 1; Clacton 0, March 2; Flelixstowe 1, Braintree 1; Gorleston 0, Chatteris 0; Great Yarmouth 4, Ely 1; Tiptree 3, Stowmarket 2.

COMBINED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Ash 1, Malden Vale 3; Chobham 4, Cove 0; Cobham 0, Farleigh 0; Cranleigh 2, Horley 0; Frimley Green 1, Hartley W 0; Godalming 4, Fleet 1; Virginia Water 2, Bee 2; Westfield 3, Farnham 1.

Scottish second division

Albion Rovers	P	Dunfermline	P
Arbroath	P	Stranraer	P
Berwick	P	Montrose	P
Queen of South	1	Stenhousemuir	1
Raith Rovers	P	Alloa Athletic	P
Stirling Albion	P	East Stirling	P

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Alloa Athletic	32	18	8	6	51	29	44
Montrose	32	19	6	7	50	34	44
Dunfermline	31	14	11	6	50	31	39
Stenhousemuir	32	13	12	7	36	35	38
Cowdenbeath	31	13	9	9	59	35	35
Stirling Albion	32	11	13	8	56	41	35
Stranraer	31	12	5	14	48	52	29
Raith Rovers	31	11	6	14	46	48	28
Queen's Park	32	10	7	15	42	49	27
Queen of South	33	7	13	13	35	47	27
Berwick	31	8	10	13	34	35	26
East Stirling	32	6	13	13	32	46	25
Albion Rovers	30	10	5	15	38	57	25
Arbroath	32	7	6	19	27	59	20

ESSEX SENIOR LEAGUE: brentwood 4, East Thurrock 0; Canvey Island 2, Ford 1; Coggeshall 0, Chelmsford 4; East Ham 0, Brightlingsea 1; Eton Manor 1, Sawbridgeworth 0; Stansted 3, Maldon 0; Wivenhoe 0, Witham 0.

HELLENIC LEAGUE: Premier division: Bicester 0, Fairford 1; Hounslow v Abingdon United, postponed; Morris Motors 1, Maidenhead Town 2; Rayners Lane 0, Wantage 0; Thame v Clanfield, postoned; Wallingford 1, Shortwood 2.

UNITED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Ampthill 0, Irthlingborough Diamonds; Brackley 0, Stotfold 3; Bourne 1, St Neots 0; Desborough 3, Buckingham 2; Holbeach 1, Wootton 1; Long Buckby 2, Rothwell 0; Newport Pagnell 1, Raunds 0; Potton 4, Eynesbury 2; Stamford 1, Baldock 1; S and L Corby 0, Arlesey 5.

GREAT MILLS WESTERN LEAGUE: Premier division: Bristol Manor Farm 0, Bideford 1; Chippenham 0, Chard 0; Clevedon 2, Bristol City reserves 5; Dawlish 0, Taunton 2; Frome 1, Barnstaple 2; Liskeard 7, Devizes 2; Melksham 0, Minehead 2; Plymouth Argyle reserves 2, Shepton Mallet 0; Saltash 2, Clandown 0.

FRENCH LEAGUE: Sochaux 1, Nancy 0; Laval 1, Racing Club Paris 0.

WORLD CUP: Asian group three: sub-group B: Bangladesh 1, India 2. Group three A: Malaysia 3, Nepal 0.

AFRICAN NATIONS CUP: First round: First leg: Malawi 1, Mozambique 1.

1-1	2-1	3-1½	4-1	5-1	6-1½	7-1	8-1½	9-1½	10-1	11-1	12-1	13-1	14-1½	15-1½	16-1	17-3	18-1	19-2	20-3	21-1	22-3	23-1	24-1½	25-1	26-2	27-1	28-1½	29-1½	30-1	31-1	32-1½	33-1	34-1	35-1½	36-1½	37-1	38-3	39-3	40-1	41-1	42-1	43-1	44-3	45-1	46-2	47-1½	48-1	49-1	50-1½	51-1	52-1	53-3	54-2	55-1½

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Racing: Tail-swishing outsider completes a remarkable National treble for Tim Forster's stable

Davies persistence pays off on Last Suspect

By Michael Seely

"If all else fails you, try doing what the captain suggested." These encouraging words are printed in a frame above Tim Forster's desk in his office at Letcombe Bassett. But this modest and unassuming trainer's respect for the judgement of his jockey, Hywel Davies, was one of the principal causes of Last Suspect giving the stable a remarkable third triumph in the Seagram-sponsored Grand National, at a muddy Aintree on Saturday.

Faith, patience and understanding were the vital factors that helped Last Suspect to find some of the ability that had seen him win the 1981 Leopardstown Chase by 15 lengths, and which had also seen him finish third to King Spruce in the Irish Grand National the following season. Last spring he had beaten Corbiere at Chepstow when in receipt of only 12lb. And much more recently at Warwick, in February, he had finished 11 lengths in front of Saturday's gallant third at level weights when the pair had taken second and fourth places, respectively, behind Midday Gun.

Then came that disastrous episode at a later Warwick meeting when the "Tailswisher", as he is constantly dubbed by *Timeform*, was the subject of a stewards' inquiry after losing interest and being pulled up in the race won by Ballymilan. It was because of his 28-year-old jockey's faith that the 11-year-old was allowed to take his chance in the line-up for the world's most gruelling horse race. And it was the understanding of Forster and Anne, Duchess of Westminster, Last Suspect's owner, that tilted the scales of decision in the jockey's favour. "Hywel was insistent that, although he was a funny old customer, Last Suspect might just be a National horse," Forster said.

"The Duchess and I decided there was not much point in running after Warwick. But Hywel was so upset that he was nearly in tears. So I asked him to ring the owner up. He came back smiling, and said: 'It's all right, we can run'."

Patience was shown both by the trainer and jockey. Saturday's 50-1 victory was only Last Suspect's fourth race of the season. "You can't train him seriously, or ask him to work properly. You just have to let him do his own thing", the trainer continued.

Davies's handling of Last Suspect represented a marvellous feat of sympathetic horsemanship, and an understanding of the 11-year-old's peculiarities. "He hates being crowded by other horses, so the Captain told me to go on the outside", he said.

The pair were up with the leaders for the whole of the last circuit. But Davies was still just hunting along, and biding his time. The first time he asked the gelding a question was when Corbiere went for home as they crossed the Melling Road after jumping the third fence from home. "Old Corbiere was rolling a bit, and I could see that he was getting tired and wouldn't last home", the jockey said. "For a stride or two I thought Greasepaint was going like the winner. But then I saw that Tommy Carmody was in trouble as well."

Then Mr Snugfit made his bid for immortal glory as the last-minute gamble in the race went five lengths clear after jumping the second last. As they landed on the flat Last Suspect was still in fourth place, all of 10 lengths behind the leader.

The winner's final exhilarating spring took the countless millions of watchers on the course and television entirely by surprise. "I first knew I was going to win at the Elbow", the jockey said, as Last Suspect was led in triumph to his box in Berkshire, on his return home at lunchtime yesterday. "I gave him a couple of backhanders. The horse just put down his head, and went."

"I've had a good night's sleep", Forster said, as he welcomed his hero. "I still can't believe it's all happened. Last Suspect has run his last race, and will end his days in honourable retirement."

It was cruel luck on Phil Tuck, the man who lost the winning ride on Burrough Hill Lad in the Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup and in the King George VI chase to John Francome, to have been robbed of victory at the eleventh hour.

Last Suspect and Greasepaint gallop on as Richard Dunwoody and West Tip come to grief at Becher's.

"Mr Snugfit hung a bit after the last; but I soon straightened him out. Then suddenly I saw them coming. I've always felt sorry for Richard Pitman and Crisp when they were caught by Red Rum. But now I know just what it means."

Mick Easterby, the trainer of the runner-up, was already walking off the stands to lead Mr Snugfit in. "It was just incredible. My fellow wasn't stopping. Last Suspect really finished. Never mind, we'll be back next year". Mr Snugfit is already favourite at 25-1 for next year's race with Ladbrokes.

Once again, Jenny Pitman had surpassed herself in her handling of Corbiere, who battled his heart out under 11st 10lb and a superb ride from Peter Scudamore. This outstanding trainer was still hyped up by the great occasion. "I've looked deeply into Corky's soul today and he's looked into mine", she said dramatically, before she was led gently away to her car. But her twin prophecies that Corbiere would run a mighty race and that he would fail to concede so much weight were both fulfilled.

Greasepaint ran a fine face to finish fourth, but never threatened to improve on his fine record over the track. "The soft ground was no good to him", Carmody said. "He was never really going smoothly". Of the other seven finishers, the only hard-luck story concerned Scot Lane, who was nearly brought to a standstill after an appalling blunder at the Chair. "We might have been placed but for that", Martin Tate said.

Hallo Dandy's supporters knew their fate early, when last year's winner fell at the first. Drumlargan broke a blood vessel and was pulled up by Francome before Becher's Brook second time round. Lucky Vane went lame, and was pulled up at the fence after Valentine' Brook on the first circuit.

But of course, it was West Tip's dramatic collapse at Becher's, the last time round, that saved the bookmakers' bacon. "I was on the bridle and only cantering", 21-year-old Richard Dunwoody said. "West Tip was wrong at the fence. He put himself right, but went to the left, and landed on the sloping ground. It was a long way from home, but we'd have gone very, very close. However, I'm glad the Forster stable won, if I couldn't, and I'm sure we'll be back next year".

Grand National result in full

3.20 SEAGRAM GRAND NATIONAL HANDICAP CHASE (£54,314: 4m 4f)

LAST SUSPECT b or br g by Above Suspicion – Last Link (Anne Duchess of Westminster) 11-10-5 ....H Davies (50-1) 1
Mr Snugfit b g by Jukebox – Sinzinbra (A Greenwood) 8-10-0....................P Tuck (12-1) 2
Corbiere ch g by Harwell – Bally Cashen (B Burrough) 10-11-10 ....P Scudamore (9-1) 3
Greasepaint ch g by Gala Performance – Wind Swift (M Smurfit) 10-10-13
T Carmody (13-2 jt fav) 4

Also Ran: 13-2 jt fav West Tip (f 22nd), 8 Drumlargan (pu 21st), 10 Lucky Vane (pu 9th), 14 Hallo Dandy (f 1st), 16 Fethard Friend (pu 18th), 20 Classified (5th), 25 Kumbi (f 5th), Hill of Slane (f 6th), 28 Scot Lane (8th), 33 Broomy Bank (ur 23rd), Rupertino (7th), Tacroy (f 6th), Talon (f 1st), 50 Bashful Kid (f 1st), Dudie (f 19th), Glenfox (9th), Musso (pu 19th), Shady Deal (pu 4th), Tubbertelly (ref 24th), Clonthturtin (pu 24th), 66 Blackrath Prince (10th), Imperial Black (6th), Fauloon (f 24th), Knockawad (f 3rd), Northern Bay (f 2nd), Royal Appointment (f 19th), 100 Captain Parkhill (11th and last), Crosa (f 3rd), Immigrate (f 22nd), Leney Dual (f 10th), Onapromise (f 10th), Solihull Sport (f 1st), 150 Our Cloud (ref 19th), Roman Bistro (ref 18th), 200 Never Tamper (pu 17th), Greenhill Hall (pu 17th). 40 ran. 1½l, 3l, 7l, 10l. T Forster at Letcombe Bassett. TOTE: £121.90; £18.90, £2.20, £1.60, £1.60. DF: £559 60. CSF: £516.64. TRICAST: £5,279.35.

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Beyond the realms of sporting sanity

Simon Barnes

"No one who truly loved horses could enjoy a bullfight".

"Nor anyone who truly loved bulls".

The exchange (I think it is from *Hay Fever*) came to mind as I stood by The Chair to watch the Seagram Grand National on Saturday. No one who truly loved horses can feel unequivocal about the race. Nor can anyone who truly loves jockeys.

The Grand National is a magnificent, storming celebration of the courage of men and of horses. It inspires something beyond the normal excitements of watching sport. It is impossible to watch the cavalry charge over The Chair without a feeling of terror.

The Chair looked pretty big to the crowds milling around it before the race and trying to nick sprigs of spruce as souvenirs. But fences have a knack of doubling in size when viewed from the top of a horse. Twelve-inch cavaletti loom up to Becher's proportions when you have a lunatic beneath you, and Lord alone knows what the Chair must look like when there is a lunatic on top as well.

Tony Mullins, the impetuous leader on the Irish outsider, Dudie, took it in the lead at a mad dash, flinging his arm back as the horse charged over it in a desperate effort to catapult his weight back into the saddle, the action known in the trade as "calling a cab".

He was followed by the thundering survivors, savaging the fences, twisting in mid-air, scattering spruce in all directions, one poor horse getting stuck in the middle of the fence before desperately flailing clear.

The race moves you from appalled horror to awed wonder at the courage of horses and riders, with Kumbi, wh had carried the hopes of Red Rum's trainer Ginger McCain, racing pilotless with the leaders, stoned out of his mind on the third instinct, and poor Corbiere, doomed by the handicapper, doing everything save win.

We at The Chair were on the spot to see the amaing gear change that won the race, the sudden impossible remaining strength of Last Suspect, gathering momentum after the last fence, with Hywel Davies, in Arkle's streak-of-mustard colours, crouching like a demon, all ready to snatch the race. Such strength, such courage – who could fail to cheer?

Of course, the National is magnificent, with men riding with their necks for sale and the horses delirious. It was made yet more enjoyable by the fact that there were *no* horses *killed*, and *no* jockeys crippled this year. Tha National is sport taken to the boundaries of sanity, and a little beyond. It is a cavalry charge to victory or a broken neck when horses are ridden for death or for glory. *C'est magnifique mais ce n'est pas le sport*

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THE LIVERPOOL GREAT STEEPLE CHASE

This event, of which much has been said and written, and which has created so great a sensation in all the sporting circles, came off on Tuesday last in the presence of the greatest concourse ever seen at Aintree.

About a quarter past 3 o'clock the start took place, Daxon going away with a strong lead, followed by The Nun, Seventy-four, Lottery, Charity, Railroad, True Bleu, and several others, Conrad taking his course more to the left, and nearly abreast of Daxon. At the first ditch Conrad, frightened by the crowd, refused and threw Becher, and Cannon-ball fell. Daxon got "through" it. The Nun taking it next, with the other mentioned above as lying with them. At the next ditch Barkston fell; at the third Daxon "followed suit," and in attempting to get up knocked down The Nun. Charity now took the lead, followed by Lottery, Railroad, Jack, Seventy-four, and kept it to the stone wall, which he refused. Railroad took it, followed by Lottery, The Nun, True Blue, and Jack, and kept in front for the two fields next beyond the lane: Lottery now made the running, clearing his fences in beautiful style; on reaching the racecourse Seventy-four was lying second, and behind him Railroad, Pioneer, Paulina, True Blue, Jack, and one or two others. Lottery took the last jump splendidly, and won cleverly by two or three lengths, Seventy-four second, Paulina third, and True Blue fourth.

GOLF

Slow play driving action off the air

From Mitchell Platts, Ponte Vedra, Florida

When Bernhard Langer was fined $500 for slow play during the second round of the Tournament Players' Championship here on Friday it exposed a malady which is causing concern to the United States PGA tour.

The problem stems from rounds taking in excess of four and a half hours. Television companies, with specifically assigned slots, are antagonizing armchair spectators by going off the air befoe play has been completed.

For instance a 4 hr 45 minute final round at the Bob Hope Classic in January resulted in 16,000 attempted calls (only 1,100 got through to three operators) from irate viewers deprived of seeing Craig Stadler and Lanny Wadkins play off because NBC were compelled to switch to a "consitent time" family show.

Tom Merritt, and NBC spokesman, told *Golf Digest*: "If this keeps up I'm going to be less popular with golf fans than Attila the Hun". The PGA is concerned that golf will not generate healthy ratings if the dramatic closing moments are regularly lost.

But the problem has been occurring all year because of the slow pace of play. It happened again on Saturday when the assigned time ran out. So CBS viewers missed seeing Hale Irwin (69) *pick up* two shots on D. A. Weibring (72) and three shots on Calvin Peete (69) over the last two holes so that the three Americans eventually shared the 54-hole lead on 208.

In fact, Larry Rinker, Peete and Irwin, who formed the penultimate group, were warned after losing 20 minutes on the group ahead of them. The PGA tour guidelines state that a group will be warned if they lose more than a complete hole on the group ahead.

From that moment each player is individually timed. If he takes more than 45 seconds on four seperate occasions to execute a shot then he is fined $500. That was Langer's crime on Friday. The penalty is $1,000 for eight offences, two strokes for 10 offences and disqualified for 12.

Langer, who took seven at the 18th in a third round of 75 which left him five strokes adrift, insists that he received unfair treatment. He admitted: "We were warned. But after that I played as quickly as possible. If it had been Jack Nicklaus there would have been no fine. I am a golfer, not a racehorse."

The Langer "timings" have subsequently been posted in the players' locker room. The West German is broad-shouldered enough to accept that, but it is nevertheless humiliating. A United States PGA spokesman said: "We are not being vindictive. It is a warning to others that we will impose the penalties set for slow play". Langer has 30 days in which to pay of face suspension.

LEADING SCORES: 208: H Irwin, 67, 72, 69; C Peete, 70, 69, 69; D A Weibring, 68, 68, 72. 210: D Halldorson (Can), 70, 68, 72; G Hallberg, 73, 70, 67. 211: L Rinker, 68, 72, 71. 212: P Stewart, 73, 70, 69; J Nicklaus, 71, 70, 71; G Twiggs, 72, 73, 67; D Forsman, 74, 69, 69. 213: C Perry, 72, 71, 70; B Langer (WG), 68, 70, 75. 214: P McGowan, 70, 74, 70; L Hinkle, 71, 72, 71; D Tewell, 75, 67, 72; J Sindelar, 73, 70, 71; N Price (SA), 73, 69, 72. 218: K Brown (GB), 75, 70, 73; D Watson (SA), 73, 69, 76. 221: P Oosterhuis (GB), 71, 75, 75.

LOS ANGELES: Carte Blanche seniors classic: Second round: (US unless stated): 133 P Thomson (Aus), 70, 64; 137 D January, 69, 68; 139 J Ferree, 69, 70; 141 A Silverstone, 70, 71; G Littler, 74, 67, W Casper, 71, 70.

SINGAPORE: Singapore Open championship: 274 Chen Tze-Ming (Taiwan), 67, 69, 68, 70 (winner after sudden-death play-off), G Turner (NZ), 69, 68, 71, 66; 278 J Lewis (US), 68, 69, 71, 70; 279 Teravlanen (US), 70, 68, 70, 71, Lim Kian Tiong (Singapore), 70, 69, 69, 71

BASKETBALL

Irish leads United to victory

By Nicholas Harling

FSO Cars Manchester United are the bridesmaids no more. The runners-up in the last four domestic competitions, United gained their first major honour at Wembley last night when they won the Carlsberg National Championships by beating Kingcraft Kingston 109-97 in a thunderous final. In doing so United prevented Kingston, who had beaten them to the cup and league, from emulating the feat last year of Sperrings Solent Stars, who had won all three trophies.

Colin Irish deservedly won the player of the match award for his 47 pionts

The scorer of 41 points in the United's semi-final victory over Nissan Bears Worthing, On Saturday, Irish had helped himself to another 22 by half-time. Thanks to his ability to get inside, United had led by 11 points after eight minutes before three successive shots worth three points from Bontrager brought Kingston back into contention.

Even so, when United extended their interval lead of 58-51 to 13 points within three minutes of the second half, they looked in control. But the omens were not favourable since they has led by the same amount against Kingston in the cup final in January, only to lose and once again the game started slipping away from them with two more three-pointers from Bontrager and a string of baskets from Johnson, bringing Kingston level with four minutes.

SEMI-FINALS: Kingcraft Kingston 116 (Bontrager 34, Clark 32, Davis 24, Johnson 13) Walkers Crisps, Leicester 112 (Waldron 34, Vaughan 27, Brown 23, O'Shea 14); FSO Cars, Manchester United 90 (Irish 41, Brown 25, Owner Bona 14) Nissan Bears Worthing 84 (Cunningham 27, Hugprecker 20, Jenkins 19). THIRD PLACE FINAL: Leicester 99 (Waldron 30, Vaughan 30, Brown 16) Worthing 85 (Cunningham 32, Jenkins 21). WOMEN'S FINAL: Avon Northampton 93 Crystal Palace 88.

IN BRIEF

Britons to the fore

Malcolm Mackenzie, of Britain, had six successive birdies in a four-under-par final round of 68 to secure victory in the Zimbabwe Open golf championship in Harare yesterday.

Mackenzie finished with a seven-under-par total of 281, three strokes better than his compatriot, David Llewellyn, who led by one stroke overnight. Brian Barnes was third on 286 after a final 68.

CRICKET: West Indies have agreed to send a team to Sharjah in November to play in a league-style competition. India and Pakistan have not yet answered invitations. The event will be a benefit for Clive Lloyd, who retired as West Indies captain after the World Championship of Cricket which ended in Australia earlier this month.

YACHTING: Disqualification yesterday gave Mike Peacock's Cifraline III victory in the second race for Admiral's Cup contenders in choppy seas at Cowes. Robin Asher's Yeoman XXV finished 36 seconds ahead of Cifraline after battling round a testing course in near gale force seven winds. But Yeoman was then ruled to have been over the line at the start and her subsequent disqualification gave the race to Cifraline, her second win the five leg series.

BOXING: Randy Stephens said yesterday that he was retiring after his defeat by the World Boxing Association (WBA) cruiserweight champion, Piet Crous, of South Africa, in Sun City on Saturday. Stephens was stopped inside three rounds by Crous who was making his first title defence since winning the title in December.

FOOTBALL: A "roll of shame" was printed in the Blackpool programme for Saturday's fourth division match against Peterborough United at Bloomfield Road. The names and addresses of four youths, one from Liverpool, who were convicted in court after the game at Bury were listed along with a notice banning them from all home games.

SWIMMING: Scotland had a superb second day in the four nations youth international meeting at Cumbernauld, to win with 148 points. Norway followed with 130 points and then came Wales on 65 and Ireland 49. The Scots, trailing at the end of the first day, set eight new records. Norway finished second with 130 points, then came Wales on 65 and Ireland on 49.

ATHLETICS: Steve Harris, the world student games 5,000 metres champion, yesterday switched from the track to half marathon for the first time and won the Pearl Assurance Thamesmead event. The 23-year-old Shaftsbury Harrier beat Wolverhampton and Bilston's Richard Charlston by 1min 36 sec with a time of 1hr 5min 6sec.

SNOOKER: Jimmy White held a 4-3 lead over Alex Higgins after the first period in the best of 17 frames Benson and Hedges Irish Masters final at Goffs, County Kildare, yesterday. White scored 120 in the fifth frame.

Sealed with a kiss: John McEnroe with the winner's trophy at the Milan tournament yesterday.

TABLE TENNIS

England close to top eight

From a Special Correspondent, Göteborg

Desmond Douglas, England's longest-standing world-class player, and Lisa Bellinger, England's newest, kept alive hopes that both men's and women's teams might make the cut for the top eight in the world championships here at the weekend.

Douglas, though unwell and unable to participate in yesterday's 5–1 defeat by Sweden, nevertheless managed 12 wins out of his first 14 encounters, including a victory over Seiji Ono, the 1979 world champion, in the courageous 5–4 five-hour defeat by Japan on Saturday.

Miss Bellinger, who has recovered marvellously from last year's combination bat rule-changes, outplayed her third leading European player, Branka Batinic, Europe's No 5, as England came back from 0–2 to score an unexpected win over Yugoslavia 3–2.

Even yesterday's 3–0 defeat by powerful South Korea did not take the feeling away that this, the youngest England women's team for 12 years, has a chance to become a force in world-class table tennis in the years to come.

England's men, who, like the women, had three wins and three defeats, were greatly encouraged by the 21–14, 21–19 win for Carl Prean, the 17-year-old from the Isle of Wight, against Jan-Ove Waldner, of Sweden, the world No 6. Prean had nine successes from his first 15 encounters.

RESULTS FROM GOTEBORG

SATURDAY'S RESULTS

MEN: Category one: Group A: Hong 5, South Korea 2; Poland 5, North Korea 2; Hungary 2, United States 4; China 5, Czechoslovakia 0; North Korea 5, United States 0; China 5, South Korea 4; Czechoslovakia 5, Hong Kong 3; Poland 5, Hungary 4. Group B: Sweden 5, France 1; Japan 5, Denmark 0; England 5, Italy 3; Yugoslavia 5, India 0; Sweden 5, India 1; Italy 5, Denmark 4; Japan 5, England 4; France 5, Yugoslavia 3.

Category two: Group C: West Germany 5, Scotland 1; Taiwan 5, Norway 0; Finland 5, Switzerland 4; Belgium 5, Netherlands 3; West Germany 5, Pakistan 2; Taiwan 5, Switzerland 0; Netherlands 5, Norway 1; Belgium 5, Finland 2. Group D: Soviet Union 5, Israel 0; Indonesia 5, Wales 4; Brazil 5; Australia 1; Brazil 5, Indonesia 1.

Category three: Group E: Luxembourg 5, Ireland 3; Turkey 5, Ireland 3.

WOMEN: Category one, group A: Netherlands 3, Japan 0; Czechoslovakia 3, France 1; North Korea 3, Romania 1; Hong Kong 3, West Germany 0; Czechoslovakia 3, Japan 0; North Korea 3, West Germany 0; France 3, Netherlands 2; Romania 3, Hong Kong 0. Group B: China 3, South Korea 0; Hungary 3, Soviet Union 1; England 3, Yugoslavia 2; Sweden 3, Belgium 0; China 3, England 0; South Korea 3, Yugoslavia 2; Sweden 3, Belgium 0; China 3, England 0; South Korea 3, Yugoslavia 0; Soviet Union 3, Sweden 1; Hungary 3, Belgium 0.

Category two: Group C: India 3, Austria 1; United States 3, Switzerland 1; Australia 3, Indonesia 1; Austria 3, New Zealand 0; Indonesia 3, Switzerland 0; Australia 3, United States 1. Group D: Finland 3, Singapore 0; Poland 3, Malaysia 0; Canada 3, Luxembourg 1; Taiwan 3, Denmark 1; Finland 3, Denmark 1; Canada 3, Malaysia 0; Poland 3, Luxembourg 2; Taiwan 3, Singapore 0.

Category three: Group H: Scotland 3, Jersey 2; Scotland 3, Sri Lanka 0.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

MEN

Category one

GROUP A: China 5, North Korea 0; Poland 5, Hong Kong 3; South Korea 5, United States 1; Hungary 5, Czechoslovakia 2.

GROUP B: Sweden 5, England 1: (Sweden first) E Lindh bt G Sandley, 21-13, 21-13; M Applegren bt S Andrew, 13-21, 21-10, 21-18; J-O Waldner lost to C Prean, 14-21, 19-21; Lindh bt Andrew, 21-19, 21-12; Waldner bt Sandley, 21-14, 21-16; Applegren bt Prean, 14-21, 21-12, 21-14; Yugoslavia 5, Italy 0; India 5, Denmark 4; Japan 5, France 4.

Category two

GROUP C: West Germany 5, Netherlands 1; Finland 5, Taiwan 4; Pakistan 5, Norway 2; Belgium 5, Scotland 0; (Belgium first) R De Prophetis bt J Broe, 21-9, 21-13; D Leroy bt D Hannah, 17-21, 21-13, 23-18; J-M Saive bt R Yule, 21-18, 9-21, 23-21; De Prophetis bt Hannah, 21-8, 21-8; Saive bt Broe, 21-14, 21-11

GROUP D: Soviet Union 5, Australia 0; Nigeria 5, Austria 4; Israel 5, Brazil 2.

WOMEN

Category one

GROUP B: South Korea 3, England 0 (South Korea first): Yan Young Ja bt A Gordon 21-13, 21-10; Yoon Kyung Mi bt L Bellinger 21-11, 22-20; Yang and Yoon bt L Bellinger and J Bellinger 16-21, 21-19, 21-17. Canada 3, Soviet Union 0; Hungary 3, Sweden 2; Yugoslavia 3, Belgium 0.

Category two

GROUP C: Austria 3, Indonesian 1; United States 3, India 0; New Zealand 3, Switzerland 2.

GROUP D: Canada 3, Finland 0; Poland 3, Singapore 0; Denmark 3, Malaysia 1; Taiwan 3, Luxembourg 0.

Category three

GROUP F: Ireland 3, Columbia 0.

GROUP H: Italy 3, Scotland 0.

FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETICS

CRANFORD: Thames Valley Harriers road relay: 1, Aldershot and Farnham, 1hr 24min 14sec; 2, Haringey, 1:24:52; 3, Bracknell, 1.25 09. Fastest lap (3.6 miles): S Coe (Haringey), 16:15.

NEW ORLEANS: Crescent City Classic (6.2 miles): 1, C Lopes (Port), 28min 18sec. Women: 1, W Sly (GB), 32:08; 2, G Waitz (Nor), 32:34.

THAMESMEAD: AAA Pearl Assurance half marathon: 1, S Harris (Shaftesbury) 1hr 06min 06sec; 2, R Charleston (Wolverhampton and Bilston) 1:06 42; 3, R Treadwell (Surrey Beagles) 1:06:48. Women: 1, G Penny (Cambridge Harriers), 1:20:52. Team: 1, Cambridge Harriers 30 points.

HOSFORTH: Marathon: 1, M Hopson (Valley Striders), 2hr 28min 10sec; 2, O'Callaghan (Valley Striders), 2:31:34; 3, Mr Bowering (Swindon), 2:33:01. Women: 1, K Gammell (unattached), 3:23:22. Civil Service championship: 1, Bowering.

VIENNA: Men: Marathon: G Hartmann (Austria), 2hr 14min 59sec; 2, J Skovbjerg (Den), 2:16:00; 3, C Wilczewski (Pol), 2:16:05. Women: 1, E Zuchlo (USSR), 2:29:01.

BASKETBALL

UNITED STATES: National Association (NBA): Friday: Boston Celtics 112, Philadelphia 76ers 108; Washington Bullets 122, New Jersey Nets 98; Houston Rockets 121, Golden State Warriors 116; Utah Jazz 114, San Antonio Spurs 109; Los Angeles Lakers 120, Dallas Mavericks 115; Portland Trailblazers 125, Seattle Supersonics 99. Saturday: Milwaukee Bucks 106, Atlanta Hawks 95; Denver Nuggets 129, Portland Trail Blazers 117; Philadelphia 76ers 122, Chicago Bulls 117; Houston Rockets 108, Utah Jazz 98; New Jersey Nets 123, New York Knicks 114; Los Angeles Clippers 123, Phoenix Suns 114; Cleveland Cavaliers 117, Indiana Pacers 94; Kansas City Kings 137, Golden State Warriors 121.

BOXING

SUN CITY: WBA cruiserweight championship: Piet Crous (SA) bt Juan Rondon (Ven), points.

MIAMI: WBA flight-fly championship (15 rounds): Jowey Olivo (US) bt Francisco Quiroz (Dom Rep), points.

DALLAS: light-middle contest (10 rounds): Don Curry (US) bt James Green (US), 2nd round.

SEOUL: IBF light-feather championship: Kim Chi-Won (S Kor) bt Ruben Palacio (Col), points.

DORTMUND: European light-middle championship: Georg Steinherr (WG) bt Emilio Sole (Sp), points.

CURLING

GLASGOW: Air Canada Silver Broom World Championship: Semi-finals: Sweden 4, Denmark 2; Canada 9, United States 4.

CYCLING

HARELBEKE, Belgium: Grand Prix (Belgium unless stated): 1, P Anderson (Aus), 5hr 33min; 2, J Lieckens; 3, E Planckaert. 10, S Kelly (Ire) 26sec behind.

ALSEMBERG, Belgium: 172 km Fleche Brabanconne professional race: 1, A Van Der Poel (Neth), four hr, 18 min; 2, J-M Wampers (Bel), 5 sec behind; 3, L Fignon (Fr), 8 sec behind; 4, P Anderson (Aus), 15 sec behind; 5, B Wojtinek (Fr), 25 sec behind; 6, L Wijnants (Bel).

CROSS COUNTRY

MILAN: International race (5.9 miles): 1, F Abebe, (Eth) 32min 45.2sec; 2, B Debele (Eth), 32:45.9; 3, W Bulti (Eth), 32:46.5. Women's race: 1, B Jo Springs, (US), 19min 06.7sec.

EQUESTRIANISM

MILAN: Comune di Lattisio sul Saveso barrage event: 1, F Cottier (Fr), Flambeau, 37.28sec (no penalties); 2, G MacVean (Aus), Furst, 41.77 (none); 3, P Schockemohle (WG), Deister, 42.87 (none). Pairs' special jumping event: 1, H Godignon (Fr), Moet/Cottier Limelight, 38pts/62.78 sec; 2, F Sloothaak (WG), Whisky/P Luther (WG): Mary 36/54.60; 3, Macvean, King Omega/K Bacon (Aus), Mister 35/67.79. City of Milan Grand Prix barrage event: 1, Cottier, Flambeau, 33.28 sec (none); 2, G Nutti (It), Silvano, 34.88 (none); 3, P Durand (Fr), Jappeloup, 39.51 (none); 4, R Smith (GB), Olympic Video, 33.00 (four).

TAMPA, Florida: Invitation tournament: (US unless stated): 1, K Monahan, The Governor; 2, J Land, Leapy Lad; 3, Wachtl, Sweet Lullaby; 4, C Currey, Manuel; 5, C Homfeld, Abdullah. Unplaced: T Grubb (GB), Linky.

ETON FIVES

HARROW: Ballantine championships: Kinnaird Cup: Fourth round: B C Matthews and J P Reynolds bt A P Buxton and R C Tyler, 12–3, 12–2, 12–2; M R Smith and G P T Bond bt A P Stephenson and M J Moore, 9–12, 4–12, 12–7, 14–12, 12–8; C M B Williams and G Davies bt A Hughes and R J Lambert, 12–6, 1–12, 12–9, 12–9; A E Gibson and D B Wainwright bt A J and J E Husselbee, 12–15, 12–7, 12–7

GOLF

HARARE: Zimbabwe Open Championship: (GB unless stated): 281 M Mackenzie, 70, 70, 73, 68; 284 D Llewellyn, 73, 68, 71, 72; 286 B Barnes, 67 77 74, 68; 287 P Carrigill, 72, 72, 75, 68, G Turner, 74, 72, 72, 69; 288 J Morgan, 73, 71, 75, 69, D Jagger, 78, 68, 71, 73, B Zabriski (US), 73, 74, 68, 73; 289 S Bishop, 81, 72, 68, 68; 290 M Miller, 71, 76, 72, 71; S Martin, 73, 72, 70, 75; 291 G Ralph, 76, 77, 68, 70, L Jones, 73, 77, 70, 71; 292 A Stubbs, 81, 69, 70, 72; 293 G Brand sr, 80, 75, 71, 67; 294 B McColl, 72, 79, 74, 69, B Porter, 75, 75, 73, 71, G Davies, 77, 71, 71, 75; 295 B Evans, 78, 69, 78, 70, P Barber, 75, 77, 73, 70, D Stirling, 73, 76, 75, 71, D Jones, 75, 74, 72, 74; 296 B Gunson, 77, 78, 73, 68, E Murray, 75, 71, 77, 73, R Fish, 74, 75, 75, 72, D Matthew, 78, 76, 73, 74; 297 P Cowen, 76, 77 76, 68, M Roe, 71, 76, 73, 77; 298 S McNally, 78, 76, 72, 72; 299 B Lane, 78, 73, 75, 73, P Harrison, 71, 74, 80, 74; 304 G Brand jr, 76, 75, 76, 77; 310 D Barton (Ireland), 81, 73, 79, 77

HOCKEY

BUENOS AIRES: Women's inter-continental cup, group A: Wales 4, Paraguay 0; Japan 2, Uruguay 0; Argentina 3, Jamaica 0. Leading positions: 1, Japan, 4 points; 2, Argentina, 4; 3, Wales, 4.

ATARI LONDON LEAGUE: Premier division: Beckenham 1, Richmond 1; Blackheath 0, Teddington 2. League: Bromley 1, Guildford 1; Dulwich 1, Spencer 4; Hampstead 1, Mid-Surrey 0; Hawks 2, Tulse Hill 3; Purley 0, St Albans 4; Slough 3, Old Kingstonians 1; Wimbledon 0, Reading 1.

NORWICH UNION EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Bedford 6, Brentwood 1; Blueharts 2, Norfolk 2; Cambridge City 1, Ipswich 0; St Neots 1, Harleston 0; Westcliff 0, Old Loughtonians 0.

TRUMAN SOUTH LEAGUE: Premier division: Bournemouth 0, Trojans 2; Canterbury 3, ETESSA 1; Tunbridge Wells 3, Anchorians 0; Walton 0, Fareham 3. Regional divisions: Hampshire and Surrey: Andover 1, Metropolitan Police 2; Merton 1, Woking 0; Nat West Bank 1, Old Tauntonians 6. Kent and Sussex: Folkestone Optimists 4, Old Bordenians 2; Gore Court 2, Old Williamsonians 1; South Saxons 4, Gravesend 1. Middlesex, Berks, Bucks and Oxon: Banbury 3, Polytechnic 2; City of Oxford 0, Hendon 2; Harrow Town Swans 0, Tilehurst 0; Hayes 1, Bracknell 1.

SUSSEX UNDER-21 CUP: Semi-final: Mid-Sussex 2, Bognor 1.

LONDON SIX-a-SIDES TOURNAMENT: Final: Blackheath 4, Hayes 0.

ICE HOCKEY

FRIBOURG, Switzerland: Junior World Championships: Group B: Austria 4, Netherlands 2; Poland 8, Japan 0; Norway 9, Hungary 6; Switzerland 5, Italy 1. Yesterday: Japan 11, Hungary 2.

NORTH AMERICA (NHL): Friday: Hartford Whalers 8, Edmonton Oilers 7; Winnipeg Jets 5, Chicago Black Hawks 5; Calgary Flames 8, Los Angeles Kings 0. Saturday: Philadelphia Flyers 3, New York Rangers 0; Montreal Canadiens 7, Boston Bruins 3; New Jersey Devils 6, Pittsburgh Penguins 4; Quebec Nordiques 3, St Louis Blues 1; Washington Capitals 4, New York Islanders 3; Buffalo Sabres 2, Hartford Whalers 1, Detroit Red Wings 9, Toronto Maple Leafs 3; Los Angeles Kings 3, Minnesota North Stars 2.

BIHA WOMEN'S LEAGUE: Solihull 10, Brighton 0.

JUDO

RUSSELSHEIM: West Germany: International tournament: 60kg: 1, Yuzu Ozawa (Jap); 2, N Eckersley (GB). 65kg: 1, Misahi Iteya (Jap). 71kg: 1, K Brown (GB); 2, P Sheals (GB). 8kg: 1, N Adams (GB). 36kg: 1, P SeisenLacher (Australia). 95kg: 1, G Neureuther (WG). Over 95kg: 1, A von der Groeben (WG).

RUESSELSHEIM: International competition finals: 75kg: N Adams (GB) bt F Wieneke (WG); 60kg: Y Ozawa (Japan) bt N Eckersley (GB); 86 kg: P Seisenbacher (Austria) bt M Bazynski (Pol); 95kg: G Neureuther (WG) bt R Koestenberger (Austria).

LACROSSE

SOUTH OF ENGLAND LEAGUE: First division: Hillcroft 12, Buckhurst Hill 3; Kenton 13, Chipstead 12; London University 2, Purley 1.

REGIONAL TROPHY: Lancashire 9, Cheshire 20 (at Rochdale).

MERTON: Carlton Bury Cup: Edinburgh Ladies 5, Bedford College A 3.

NETBALL

Inter-county championship: Orchard Sports Centre, London: Senior Section: 1, Birmingham; 2, Surrey; 3, Essex Metropolitan; 4, Bedfordshire. Under-21 Section: 1, Bedfordshire; 2, Middlesex; 3, Kent; 4, South Staffordshire.

REAL TENNIS

QUEEN'S CLUB: Amateur championship: A Lovell bt H Angus, 5-6, 6-0, 6-0, 5-6, 6-5.

Hardwick House: MCC bt Hardwick House 4-1. MCC names first: R E Wild lost to P G Hopkins, 3-6, 3-6; P B Allen lost to R St G Calvocoressi, 2-6, 2-6; A C Spooner bt D J Weston, 5-6, 6-1, 6-4; P D Heck lost to G D Tanner, 5-6, 5-6. D F McDonald and B A Sharp lost to N S Cobb and S S Cobb 4-6, 4-6.

RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCH: Coventry 53, Ebbw Vale 10.

SEVENS TOURNAMENT: Old Emanuel 75th Anniversary tournament: Semi-finals: Askeans 6, Old Emanuel 22; Old Rutlishians 0, Old Alleynians 26. Final: Old Emanuel 12, Old Alleynians 18.

BELLSLAND: Infirmary cup: Final: Harlequins 28, Saltires XV 12.

PRESTON: Schools festival: semi finals: St Brendan's, Bristol 3, West Park 0; Kirkham GS 4, The Leys, Cambridge 3. Final: Kirkham GS 10, St Brendan's, Bristol 0.

SCHOOLS MATCHES: Bishop Wand 12, Old Bishopswandians U-21 21; Penzance-Newlyn 12, Bedwas 6.

EASTERN COUNTIES CUP: Final: North Walsham 10, Southend 6.

EASTERN COUNTIES MERIT TABLE: Eton Manor 16, Metropolitan Police No 3 District 9; Fairbairn House 7, Chelmsford 6.

TRUMAN OB MERIT TABLE: Sec OB 26, Shene OG 6; O Croydonians 18, O Caterhamians 0; O Dunstonians 6, O Millhillians 0; O Edwardians (Romford) 3, O Bealonians 21; O Hamptonians 38, O Wimbledonians 6; O Juddians 8, O Brockleians 3; Richmond Thamesians 3, O Kingsburians 13.

SNOOKER

PRESTON: Embassy world championship, qualifying tournament (GB unless stated): first qualifying round: D Fowler bt J Hargreaves, 10-0; D Chalmers bt D Greaves, 10-3; G Foulds bt M Parkin, 10-6; P Medati bt B Bennett, 10-4; I Anderson (Aus) bt T Kearney, 10-8; W Hines (SA) bt T Chappel, 10-8; R Chaperon (Can) bt R Bales, 10-7; G Rigitano (Can) bt D Sheehan (Ire), 10-9. Second qualifying round: W Jones bt J Rea, 10-3; G Foulds bt M Parkin, 10-6; P Francisco (SA) bt B de Marco, 10-4; T Jones bt M Darrington, 10-2; Rigitano bt B Harris, 10-4; D O'Kane (NZ) bt V Harris, 10-5; M Bradley bt D Mienie (SA), 10-4. Third qualifying round: Rigitano led B Kelly, 7-2; S Longworth led G Cripsey, 5-4; Chaperon led L Heywood (Aus), 8-1; D Hughes led S Newbury, 5-4; Hines led P Watchorn (Ire), 6-3.

GOFFS: Benson and Hedges Irish Masters, semi-finals: J White bt A Knowles, 6-4; A Higgins bt S Davis, 6-2. Final: White led Higgins, 4-3.

SQUASH RACKETS

MONTE CARLO: Monaco Open: G Pollard (Aus) bt R Norman (semi-finals) 10-8, 9-1, 10-8; G Briars (GB) bt M Saad (Egypt) 9-1, 9-6, 9-3.

TENNIS

TUNIS: ATP tournament, semi-finals: W Popp (WG) bt D Keretic (WG), 6-1, 6-3; H Schwaier (WG) bt M Vajda (Cz), 6-4, 6-4.

Final: Schwaier bt Popp, 6-4, 6-2

MILAN: Grand prix tournament, semi-finals: A Jarryd (Swe) bt T Smid (Cz), 6-3, 7-6; J McEnroe (US) bt J Hlasek (Switz), 6-3, 6-2.

Final: McEnroe bt Jarryd, 6-4, 6-1.

FORT MYERS: Florida classic, quarter-finals: A Gomez (Ec) bt E Teltscher (US), 7-5, 6-0; J Connors (US) bt J Kriek (US), 6-3, 6-2; I Lendl (Cz) bt B Gilbert (US) 6-4, 6-2; S Giammalva (US) bt S Davis (US), 6-2, 6-3. Semi-finals: Connors bt Gomez, 3-6, 6-3, 6-4; Lendl bt Giammalva, 6-2, 6-1

PALM BEACH GARDENS, Florida: Women's tournament: semi-finals: P Delhees-Jauch (Switz) bt T Phelps (US), 6-4, 6-2; K Horvath (US) bt R Reggi (It), 6-2, 6-3.

VOLLEYBALL

ROYAL BANK SCOTTISH CUP: Semi-finals: Men: Bellshill Cardinals 3, MIM 1; Scottish Farm 3, Volvo Trucks 2. Women: Telford 3, Scottish Farm 2; Finnies Sport 3, Inverclyde 0.

HONG KONG CUP: Men: Japan bt South Korea, 15-5, 15-8, 16-14. Final: China bt Japan, 15-11, 15-10, 15-6. Women: China bt Brazil, 15-2, 15-7, 15-3; Japan bt Brazil, 15-5, 17-15, 15-1. Final: China bt Japan, 15-6, 15-11, 15-5.

Britvic National League: Ladies First division: Birmingham AI 3, Nottingham Kickers 0; Brittania 3, Trident Essex 0; Bradford Mythbreakers 3, Birmingham A1 0; Speedwell Rucanor 3, Nottingham Kickers 0.

WEIGHTLIFTING

BAUNATAL, West Germany: Common Market tournament: Team results: 1, West Germany; 2, Italy; 3, England; 4, France. Individual results: 52kg: 1, C Larget, 190kg. 3, C Young (Eng), 162.5. 56kg: 1, J-N Miotte (Fr), 220. 60kg: 1, N la Carpia (It), 255, 2, G Law (Eng), 247.5. 67.5kg: 1, D Willey (Eng), 312.5. 75kg: 1, D Morgan (Eng), 330. 82.5kg: 1, F Tosi (It), 322.5. 90kg: 1, D Pollack (WG), 372.5,2, K Boxall (Eng), 345. 100kg: 1, F Mis (WG), 362.5. 110kg: 1, M Zanieja (WG), 377.5, 3, G Taylor (Eng), 375. Over 110kg: 1, M Nerlinger (WG), 412.5.

YACHTING

ROYAL LYMINGTON: Third Lymington series: Class I: 1, Jacobite (S James); 2, Icebird of Mylor (P M and S L Nicholas); 3, Airwave (T Aitken). Class II: 1, Polyhymnia (O and A van Tijn); 2, Nausicaa (S Fein); 3, Lacewing (B L Mead). Class III: 1, Deejay (D J Burgess); 2, Just Enuff (A Roberts and Dr Arnold); 3, Jipijapa (M J Urwin and R F Darley). Class IV: 1, Three Cheers (H Selmers); 2, Icebreaker (R Hawkes); 3, Nazca II (J Fitzes). Class V: 1, Karen (P Nuding); 2, Sea Strider (A Salanson); 3, Larkspur (R Thornton).

HUMBLE RIVER: Warsash Tam Trophies: International 14 Class: 1, W Henderson, 2.75pts; 2, A Fitzgerald, 4.75; 3, J Sibthorpe, 5. Merlin Rocket: 1, C Howarth, 2.75; 2, P King, 2.75; 3, M Nicholson, 7. National 12: 1, A Sherrock, 1.50; 2, M Shallow, 2.75; 3, G Ireland, 6. Firefly: 1, D Booth, 1.50; 2, G Davidson, 2.75; 3, D Gorrod, 4.

Cowes: Admiral's Cup Contenders' Race: 1, Cifraline 3 (M Peacock). Five started, only one finished.

MOTOR RACING

OYAMA, Japan: 1, s Nakajima (Japan), March 842 BMW, 1:38:53.19; 5, G Lees (GB), March 842 Yamaha, 1:39:18.32.

SPEEDWAY

LEAGUE CUP: Belle Vue 43, Reading 35; Coventry 41, Wolverhampton 37; Halifax 36, Sheffield 42. Postponed: King's Lynn v Swindon.

PREMIERSHIP: Second leg: Cradley Heath 41, Ipswich 37 (Cradley Heath win 81-75 on aggregate).

CRICKET

New Zealand lose Coney in fightback

Port of Spain (Reuter) – New Zealand continued their fightback during the third morning of the first Test match here today, reaching 217 for five at lunch in reply to West Indies' first innings of 307.

New Zealand added only 51 runs to their overnight total of 166 for four, losing Coney leg-before to the fast bowler, Marshall, for 25 in the process.

Coney added 50 for the fifth wicket with his captain, Howarth, who scored only 19 runs in the morning to take his total to 44 not out at lunch. He was partnered by Hadlee, who was unbeaten on 13 at the interval.

Hadlee, who was also uncharacteristically restrained, survived an easy caught-and-bowled chance to Holding when he had scored only six runs. Marshall and Holding bowled with pace and fire on a lifeless Queen's Park Oval pitch, beating the bat on several occasions. Ten minutes were lost through rain.

Chatfield's medium pace wrecked the West Indies' middle and lower orders, sending back Logie, Dujon, Marshall and Harper in the space of seven balls to finish with the best figures of four for 51. Only Richards, the West Indies captain, with an attacking 57, offered any real resistance, hitting Cairns for 16 in one over.

WEST INDIES: First innings

C G Greenidge b Boock	100
D L Haynes c Rutherford, b Hadlee	0
H A Gomes c Smith b Hadlee	0
R B Richardson c Hadlee b Coney	78
*I V A Richards b Hadlee	57
A L Logie b Chatfield	24
†P J Dujon b Chatfield	15
M D Marshall c sub b Chatfield	0
R A Harper c Howarth b Chatfield	0
M A Holding l-b-w b Hadlee	12
J Garner not out	0
Extras (b 1, l-b 16, n-b 4)	21
Total	307

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-5, 2-9, 3-194, 4-198, 5-238, 6-267, 7-267, 8-269, 9-302, 10-307

BOWLING: Hadlee 24.3-8-82-4; Chatfield 28-11-51-4; Cairns 28-3-93-0; Boock 19-5-47-1; Coney 9-3-17-1.

NEW ZEALAND: First innings

J G Wright c Richardson b Harper	40
K R Rutherford c Haynes b Marshall	0
J J Crowe c and b Harper	64
M D Crowe l-b-w b Holding	3
*G P Howarth not out	44
J V Coney l-b-w Marshall	25
R J Hadlee not out	13
Extras (b 4, l-b 8, n-b 16)	28
Total (5 wkts)	217

†I D S Smith, B L Cairns, E J Chatfield and S L Boock to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-1, 2-110, 3-113, 4-132, 5-182.

BOWLING: Marshall 21-2-64-2; Garner 17-6-34-0; Holding 19-3-66-1; Harper 22-11-33-2; Richards 2-0-7-0; James 1-0-1-0.

RACING

English Spring set to blossom for Balding

By Mandarin

Ian Balding and Pat Eddery, who joined forces to good effect with King Of Clubs on the opening day of the Flat season at Doncaster, can team up successfully again at Nottingham this afternoon when **English Spring** is napped to win the Sunstar Stakes.

Balding's two-year-olds were never really firing last season and it was not until the closing months that he began to saddle winners with his customary regularity. In fact, only one of his nine juvenile successes came before September.

After promising efforts at Sandown Park (twice) and Salisbury, English Spring got off the mark at Beverley in September. The daughter of Grey Dawn II then twice ran creditably in group company in Italy, chasing home the champion Italian juvenile filly, Miss Gris, in the first of those races at San Siro.

With the Kingsclere runners likely to show above-average improvement from two to three, English Spring is a confident choice to beat Lace Bandanna and Gundreda, the only other runners with tangible form.

Balding: late winners

This pair occupied the first two places in a division of a Wolverhampton maiden in October and Lace Bandanna, who has since changed stables from Jeremy Tree to Nick Vigors, should confirm the form. A bigger danger than either of these, however, could be Miss Galvin, a newcomer trained by Ben Hanbury, who has booked Steve Cauthen to ride this daughter of Al Hattab.

Hanbury saddles Tovax in the preceding Manna Stakes and this Canadian-bred colt is expected to step up on his promising sixth to Dubai Tornado at Brighton in October. However, I prefer the claims of **Rikiriki Rei**, who was thrown in the deep end when seventh behind Foulaad in the Clarence House Stakes at Ascot in September and is obviously well thought of by his trainer, Charlie Nelson.

Mel's Choice has been a frustrating horse to follow in recent seasons but he finally came good towards the end of last season with victories in valuable sponsored handicaps at Ayr and Ascot.

The seven-year-old has 10 stone in the opening Felstead Handicap but should be all the better for his fourth to Air Command at Ayr a week ago. Mel Brittain, his trainer, has already had a winner with Dublin Lad at Catterick on Wednesday.

Bold Illusion is likely to be a warm order for the Coronach Handicap following his good second to Ridgefield at Leicester last week but I give marginal preference to the consistent Mr Music Man.

This 11-year-old gelding never runs a bad race and will be all the better for his run at Leicester where he chased home Rocky's Gal who, like Bold Illusion, was already fighting fit from a winter's hurdling.

Ribbons Of Blue belatedly gained her first success at Ayr last week and, even with a 6lb penalty, is hard to oppose in the Call Boy Handicap.

Bolger plans fluid

From Desmond Stoneham, Paris

Park Appeal may miss the General Accident 1,000 Guineas and go instead for the French equivalent, the Poule d'Essai des Pouliches. Speaking at Saint-Cloud on Saturday trainer Jim Bolger said: "I think Sheikh Mohammed will run Oh So Sharp at Newmarket as she is already based there. But nothing is definite until after the trials." Park Appeal was unbeaten in four races, in 1984, including the Tattersalls Cheveley Park Stakes. If Park Appeal travels to Longchamp for the Pouliches, she could meet Triptych who romped home in the Prix Marcel Boussac, over the Pouliches course when trained by David Smaga. She has since moved to David O'Brien in Ireland.

Park Appeal will re-appear in the Northridge Stakes at Phoenix Park.

Bolger was at Saint-Cloud to Saddle Blushing Redhead for the Prix Penelope. She acquitted herself well, staying on strongly for Declan Gillespie, to finish two and a half lengths second to Blue Tip, with the long time leader Samalex a length away third.

Cash Asmussen brought Blue Tip to the front with just over a furlong left and the pair won the 10½ furlong event with plenty in hand.

Freddie Palmer will rest Blue Tip until mid-May when she will turn out for the Prix Saint-Alary.

Bolger said of Blushing Redhead: "I'm delighted. She was not happy on the sticky ground and needs further."

Folkestone off

Today's meeting at Folkestone was cancelled because a waterlogged course. Saturday's Edinburgh fixture was calld off through snow.

Crews Hill no back number

Crews Hill discovered a new lease of life when hanging on to win the Graisons Handicap by two lengths from Peanday at Lingfield Park on Saturday. The nine-year-old, who won the 1981 Stewards Cup, was claiming his 11th career success and the first for three years. He will now tackle the Abernant Stakes at Newmarket in a fortnight.

Ground conditions were atrocious, but Marley Roofus and High Pitched shrugged them aside to complete a double for Epsom trainer Michael Haynes. Marley Roofus stayed on well to beat even-money favourite Baton Passer a length and a half in the Wade Furnishings Handicap, and High Pitched, fought a ding-dong battle with Tom Forrester before landing the Union Transport Handicap by a head.

Saturday's results

LIVERPOOL

2.00 1, Kathies Lad (6-5 fav); 2, Jo Colombo (20-1); 3, Western Rose (10-1). 8 ran.
2.35 1, Bajan Sunshine (11-1; 2, Rose Ravine (4-1); 3, Passage Creeper (11-1); Gaye Brief, Robin Wonder 9-4 jt-favs. NR: Centroline. 7 ran.
3.20 Result - see page 21.
4.05 1, Pounentes (7-2); 2, Fury Boy (14-1). Only 2 finished. State Case 2-1 fav. NR: Cardinal's Outburst. 7 ran.
4.35 1, Seagram (8-1); 2, No-U-Turn (12-1); 3, Jade And Diamond (11-1); 4, Mister Golden (11-4 fav). 17 ran.
5.05 1, Out Of The Gloom (11-4 fav); 2, Over The Last (3-1); 3, Ganabal (8-1). NR: Some Machine. 14 ran.

LINGFIELD PARK

1.45 1, Marley Roofus (7-2); 2, Baton Passer (Evens fav); 3, Dreyfus (10-1). NR: Naji. 5 ran.
2.15 1, High Pitched (7-1); 2, Tom Forrester (9-4 fav); 3, Al Amead (8-1). 10 ran.
2.45 1, Amigo Borracho (100-30); 2, Sylvan Joker (13-8 fav); 3, Nigel's Rock (6-1). 6 ran.
3.40 1, Crew's Hill (20-1); 2, Peanday (5-1); 3, Detroit Sam (8-1). Flyhome 15-8 fav. 10 ran.
4.15 1, Alqirm (4-1); 2, Eurolink Sea Baby (12-1); 3, Amoux (11-4 fav). NR: Priory Maid. 14 ran.
4.45 1, Virgin Prince (Evens fav); 2, Sylvan Express (7-4); 3, Me And My Shadow (16-1). NR: Hotbee. 5 ran.
5.15 1, Yale (7-2); 2, Bold Rex (9-2); 3, Toda Forca Avanti (6-1). Destina 4-5 fav. 4 ran.

HEREFORD

2.30 1, Master Cone (5-4 fav); 2, Bryma (11-2); 3, Candidge Lane (20-1). NR: Celtic Capn. 13 ran.
3.00 1, Orbital Manoeuvers (5-1); 2, Cider With Kathy (10-1); 3, Glen Maye (10-1). Johnston's Pride, Solar Light 7-2 jnt favs. NR: Rockefillee, Rusty Roc. 17 ran.
3.50 1, Hand Me Down (6-1); 2, Randomly (7-4 fav); 3, Kitty Buskins (7-2). 17 ran.
4.20 1, Notre Cheval (9-2); 2, Glen-Look (33-1); 3, Rogario (14-1). Mr Moonraker (4-6 fav). 16 ran.
4.50 1, Fredwell (15-2); 2, Emmabel (2-1 fav). 3, Haybale (20-1). 13 ran.
5.20 1, Little Bilsham (2-1); 2, Handy Mark (16-1); 3, Balas (12-1). Leeador 6-4 fav. 10 ran.
5.50 1, Mrs Muck (16-1); 2, Smart Tar (33-1); 3, Wrong Righted (5-4 fav). 20 ran.

Point-to-point

BURTON: Hunt, won by Chebbie; Adj: Golden Casino; Ladies: Sweet Diana; Open: Scarlet Coon; R Open: J J Henry; Mdn I: Albe Sailor; Mdn II: Freddie Teal.
COTSWOLD: Hunt, Metro Maid; Ladies: Random Leg; Open: Bold Challenge; Adj: Outside Chance; R Open: Pensham's Son; Adj Rest: Polkadot.
GELLIGAER: Hunt, Ballytasic; R Open, Team; Adj: Hobo; Open: Santosa; Ladies: Luchgelio; Mdn: Captain Rondo.
HARKAWAY: Hunt (Men), National Clover; R Open I: Kitra Boy; R Open II: Catherine Tudor; Ladies II: Fruit Farm; Open I: Dead heat, Naughty Niece and Ridgeman; Open II: Solidity; Adj: Silebemore; Mdn I: Dead heat, Contrary Lady and Pride of Tullow; Mdn II: Ballyliker.
NORTH NORFOLK: Hunt, Prominent Artist; Adj: Lion Hill; Ladies: Graiguwalt; Open: Potmadoc; PPOA: Basil's Choice; Mdn I: Lilac Wood; Mdn II: Sweet Token.
Cattistock, Cleveland and South Tetcott were unable to race.

Course specialists

TRAINERS: B Hanbury 7 winners from 51 runners, 13.7%; C Brittain 8 from 89, 9.0%; R Hollinshead 9 from 233, 3.9%.
JOCKEYS: P Eddery 16 winners from 97 rides, 16.5%; W Carson 21 from 135, 15.5%; G Duffield 21 from 138, 15.2%; S Cauthen 17 from 112, 15.2%.

Leaders over jumps

TRAINERS

	1st	2nd	3rd	Days since win	Level stakes
J Jenkins	65	39	20	8	+7.21
F Winter	63	30	33	2	-17.90
G Richards	53	52	25	10	-40.24
M H Easterby	51	23	26	7	-5.92
W Stephenson	43	32	27	10	-71.49
T Forster	42	32	26	0	+22.40
M Dickinson	37	23	14	2	-9.72
Mrs J Pitman	37	26	11	2	-8.34

JOCKEYS

	1st	2nd	3rd	Losing sequence	Level stakes
J Francome	97	51	41	6	-43.08
S Smith Eccles	48	43	31	2	+5.02
N Doughty	44	21	25	8	-37.27
H Davies	43	34	24	0	-13.06
S Morshead	41	23	43	13	-74.44
P Scudmore	39	59	46	1	-205.71
R Dunwoody	38	30	29	15	+43.37
C Grant	38	30	38	1	-35.33

. . . and on the flat

TRAINERS

	1st	2nd	3rd	Days since win	Level stakes
J Berry	3	1	3	3	+1.00
P Cundell	3	0	1	5	+11.00
M McCormack	3	0	1	4	+21.50

JOCKEYS

	1st	2nd	3rd	Losing sequence	Level stakes
P Eddery	4	3	1	5	-3.50
M Birch	3	2	2	1	+7.50
M Miller	3	1	0	0	+11.50

NOTTINGHAM

GOING: soft

Draw advantage: 5, 6f high numbers slightly favoured

2.0 FELSTEAD HANDICAP (£1,325: 6f) (17 runners)

1 41100-4 MEL'S CHOICE (M Brittain) M Brittain 7-10-0 B Coogan 15
2 000100- BRIDGE STREET LADY (D) (M Wilkins) J Bosley 4-8-4 Pat Eddery 17
5 10000-0 SPLIT ACES (D) (L Berry) P Brookshaw 4-8-3 S Perks 10
6 101300/ MASTER-BLOW (D) (T Kersey) T Kersey 6-9-3 12
8 400300- SHADES OF BLUE (D) (Canewdon Consultants Grp Ltd) M Blanshard 4-8-10 J Reid 6
9 04100-0 GENTLE STAR (D,B) (Mrs K Ivory) K Ivory 6-8-10 G Mash 7 9
11 040000- AKEED (Hamdan Al-Maktoum) P Walwyn 4-8-5 N Howe 3
12 02300-0 SHEILA CROCKATT (H B Crockatt Ltd) M W Easterby 4-8-3 G Duffield 16
13 0000/0- ABJAD (R Collins) W G Morris 4-8-3 J Williams 4
16 00000-0 VEE BEE (D) (Mrs H Berry) D Leslie 6-7-13 T Quinn 13
17 000000- NORTHERN TALK (V Marshall) J Old 5-7-13 D Kent 7 5
18 100000- MR ROSE (B Bates) L Lightbrown 5-7-12 D Fowler-Wright 7 1
20 100/0-0 SHAMROCK NAIL (J Stirzaker) G Gaines 6-7-10 R Fox 14
21 /0020-4 SHANOUSKA (D) (Mrs F Morris) J Harris 5-7-10 W Carson 7
22 000030- DORAME (M Lewendon) G Gaines 4-7-8 E Johnson 8
23 000/00- SAX (K Mulroney) K Bridgwater 5-7-7 N Carlisle 11
24 0000/ STAR KID (R Vardy) J Mulhall 10-7-7 A Proud 2

7-2 Mel's Choice, 9-2 Shanouska, 6 Bridge Street Lady, 7 Gentle Star, Vee Bee, 10 Akeed, 12 Split Aces, Shiela Crockatt, Shades Of Blue, 16 others.

FORM: MEL'S CHOICE (10-0) 4th beaten 9l to Air Command (9-6) 112 ran. Ayr 6f h'cap good to soft Mar 25. BRIDGE STREET LADY (8-8) 14th beaten 5l to Baloni (8-4) 23 ran. Doncaster 5f h'cap soft. Nov 9. SHADES OF BLUE (9-0) unplaced to Owing Steven (8-12) 23 ran. Newmarket 6f sell h'cap good Nov 2. AKEED (8-8) unplaced to Taygetus (8-8) 19 ran. Ripon 1m h'cap good to firm Sept 1. VEE BEE (7-7) 7th beaten 10l to Bincleaves (7-8) 15 ran. Doncaster 5f h'cap good to soft Mar 22. SHANOUSKA (8-8) 4th beaten 8l to Gods Solution (9-3) 12 ran. Catterick 6f h'cap good to soft Mar 27. DORAME (8-12) 5th beaten 7½l to Top Ranker (9-1) 17 ran. Leicester 6f sell h'cap good to soft Nov 5.
Selection: MEL'S CHOICE

Nottingham selections

By Mandarin

2.0 Mel's Choice. 2.30 Miss Magnolia. 3.0 Ribbons Of Blue. 3.30 Rikiriki Rei. 4.0 ENGLISH SPRING (nap). 4.30 Mr Music Man.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

2.30 Bonny Reef. 3.0 Bellagio. 3.30 Tovax. 4.0 Gundreda. 4.30 Admirable.

By Michael Seely

3.0 Ribbons Of Blue. 3.30 Tovax. 4.30 BOLD ILLUSION (nap).

2.30 ABOYEUR SELLING STAKES (2-y-o: £676: 5f) (4)

3 3 AUNTIE BOBBIE (J Berry) J Berry 8-8 K Darley 2
4 BONNY REEF (Mrs A Upsdell) D Weeden 8-8 Gay Kelleway 5 3
5 MISS MAGGIE (Mrs V Weatherley) K Ivory 8-8 G Morgan 4
6 0 MISS MAGNOLIA (BF) (J Rees) R Hollinshead 8-8 S Perks 1

11-8 Auntie Bobbie, 7-4 Miss Magnolia, 7-2 Miss Maggie, 8 Bonny Reef.

FORM: AUNTIE BOBBIE (8-11) 3rd beaten 1½l to Russells Toy (8-11) with MISS MAGNOLIA (8-11) 6th beaten 6l.7 ran. Doncaster 5f sell stks good to soft Mar 22.
Selection: AUNTIE BOBBIE

3.0 CALL BOY HANDICAP (£1,320: 1m 6f) (14)

2 212120- TRICKSHOT (C) (D Hunt) C Tinkler 6-9-8 M Birch 4
3 30020-0 KEYOPS (C) (K Al-Said) N Callaghan 4-9-8 Pat Eddery 9
4 00420- BELLAGIO (J Fisher) M Ryan 4-9-6 P Robinson 5
5 000310- ASPRO ASTRO (Mrs J Beattie) A Balding 4-9-5 N Day 10
6 /0000-0 SUPPER'S READY (B,D) (Mrs M Smith) W Morris 7-9-2 NON-RUNNER
7 000-000 NORFOLK SERENADE (P Innes) J Bethell 5-9-0 J Matthias 6
8 02442-0 JENNY WYLLIE (Lady H St George) W Wharton 4-8-13 S Cauthen 8
11 0/00-00 STARGAZE (B) (P Smith) M Chapman 5-8-7 D Dineley 7
16 0/4000- FOLKLAND (T Kanasashi) D Arbuthnot 4-8-4 M Hills 3
17 00040-4 TINOCO (Mrs J Bigg) R Hollinshead 5-8-4 W Ryan 3 13
18 00/20-1 RIBBONS OF BLUE (Mrs P Watts) J W Watts 5-8-4 (6 ex) N Connorton 14
19 000000- QUIET COUNTRY (B) (J Carrington) P Makin 4-7-12 A McGlone 1
21 000000- WORDSWORTH (Nionisle Ltd) D Wilson 5-7-10 W Carson 11
23 004300- VAL'S PRIDE (B Wiseman) A Madwar 4-7-9 M L Thomas 2

5-2 Ribbons Of Blue, 4 Tinoco, 5 Folkland, Trickshot, 7 Aspro Astro, 12 Jenny Wyllie, 14 Keyops, 16 others.

FORM: TRICKSHOT (8-8) 8th beaten over 12l to Tom Sharp (8-2) 9 ran. Newmarket 2m 4f h'cap good Nov 2. KEYOPS (9-0) 15th beaten over 15l to Percase (8-12) 18 ran. Doncaster 1m 4f h'cap good to soft Mar 21 BELLAGIO (7-12) unplaced to Old Hubert (8-5) 18 ran. Newbury 1m 5f h'cap heavy Oct 25. ASPRO ASTRO (8-13) 10th beaten over 10l to Royal Cracker (8-11) 12 ran. Folkestone 2m h'cap firm July 24. FOLKLAND (8-7) 5th beaten 12l to Accuracy (8-7) 14 rabn. Catterick 1m 7f stks good to soft Oct 19. TINOCO (8-12) 4th beaten 6½l to Carneades (8-7) 15 ran. Catterick 1m 7f h'cap good to soft Mar 27 RIBBONS OF BLUE (8-0) won 2l from Ballydurrow (8-11) 10 rabn. Ayr 1m 5f h'cap soft Mar 26.
Selection: TRICKSHOT

3.30 MANNA STAKES (3-y-o: £1,816: 1m 50yd) (14)

1 1 BEAU DIAMOND (S Sofroniou) M Francis 9-6 Paul Eddery 1
3 EL-FAYEZ (Prince Saud Bin Salman) G Huffer 9-0 G Carter 5 2
4 00- JOHNNY'S SHAMBLES (J Bigg) R Hollinshead 9-0 S Perks 4
5 LADY GRIM (J Davis) W Wharton 9-0 W Wharton 7
6 0- METEORASKRA (Mrs R Rogers) B Hanbury 9-0 P Hamblett 10
7 2 NASIB (A Salman) W O'Gorman 9-0 T Ives 3
8 0- RIKIRIKI REI (S Doran) C Nelson 9-0 J Johnson 9
9 30- SANDBOURNE (J Ryan-Bell) P Brookshaw 9-0 W Ryan 3 11
10 0- TOVAX (Mrs R Rogers) B Hanbury 9-0 Pat Eddery 14
11 00- WARRINGAH (S Mason) N Vigors 9-0 P Cook 12
13 BAPTISMALLY (F Jeffery) G Pritchard-Gordon 8-11 G Duffield 13
14 HARLAXTON (Ld Belper) M W Easterby 8-11 M Hindley 5 8
15 04- SCHLEMMER (C St George) P Kelleway 8-11 S Cauthen 5
16 TWICE FAIR (Mrs P Tetley) T M Jones 8-11 P Tulk 6

13-8 Beau Diamond, 4 Schlemmer, 9-2 Nasib, 11-2 Tovax, 8 El-Fayez, 12 Baptismally, 14 others.

FORM: BEAU DIAMOND (9-0) won 10l from Nasib (9-0) 11 ran. Doncaster 7f mdn stks soft Mar 23. JOHNNY'S SHAMBLES (9-0) 12th beaten over 10l to Armorad (9-0) 22 ran. Nottingham 5f stks good Oct 2. METEORASKRA (9-0) 14th to Hadeer (9-0) 17 ran. Windsor 5f mdn stks good to firm July 16. RIKIRIKI REI (9-0) 7th beaten 20l to Foulaad (9-0) 9 ran. Ascot 6f mdn stks good to firm Sep 27 SANDBOURNE (9-0) 6th beaten 16l to Local Suitor (9-0) 9 ran. York 6f mdn stks good to firm Aug 22. TOVAX (8-11) 6th beaten 14l to Dubai Tornado (8-11) 14 ran. Brighton 7f stks soft Oct 3. SCHLEMMER (9-0) 4th beaten 6½l to Concorde Island (9-0) 22 ran. Doncaster 6f mdn stks good to soft Oct 27
Selection: SANDBOURNE.

4.0 SUNSTAR STAKES (3-y-o fillies: £1,213: 1m 2f) (9)

1 024120- ENGLISH SPRING (P Mellon) I Balding 9-0 Pat Eddery 1
2 021- LACE BANDANNA (D Koch) N Vigors 9-0 P Cook 2
3 000- BAL ETOILE (W Curd) M Haynes 8-11 I Jenkinson 3
4 DON'T RING ME (C Tatsson) W Hastings-Bass 8-11 R Lines 5 6
5 00- EYE FLASHER (J Johnstone) G Pritchard-Gordon 8-11 G Duffield 9
6 00- GREEN JINKS (D Allen) M Ryan 8-11 P Robinson 7
7 0032- GUNDREDA (Miss M Carrington-Smith) C Brittain 8-11 W Carson 4
9 MISS GALVIN (M Rosenthal) B Hanbury 8-11 S Cauthen 5
10 0-0 SUCH A SHAME (Mrs D Botterill) W Wharton 8-11 W Wharton 8

7-4 English Spring, 3 Lace Bandanna, 9-2 Gundreda, 6 Miss Galvin, 10 Eye Flasher, 12 Don't Ring Me, 14 others.

FORM: ENGLISH SPRING (8-11) 2nd beaten 4l to Miss Gris (8-11) 6 ran. San Siro (1m stks, heavy, Oct 21 LACE BANDANNA (8-11) won 1½l from Gundreda (8-11) 15 ran. Wolverhampton 1m 1f mdn stks, good to soft, Oct 9. EYE FLASHER (8-11) 6th beaten 20l to Lover Cover (9-0) 16 ran. Nottingham 1m 2f mdn stks, good, Oct 29. GREEN JINKS (8-11) unplaced to Elder (8-11) 19 ran. Wolverhampton 1m 1f mdn stks, good to soft, Oct 9. SUCH A SHAME (8-11) 12th to Artic Guard (9-0) 13 ran. Leicester 7f mdn stks, heavy, Mar 26.
Selection: ENGLISH SPRING.

4.30 CORONACH HANDICAP (£1,432: 1m 2f) (15)

4 00021-0 GLENHAWK (D) (Express Newspapers Daily Express Ltd) M Ryan 9-9-7 P Robinson 1
6 430100- BROCKTON (Mrs J Lockwood) J Smith 4-8-13 N Carlisle 4
9 0/0010- AIREDALE TRAVEL (B Padgett) M W Easterby 4-8-11 M Hindley 5 15
10 14302-2 MR MUSIC MAN (D) (Mrs C Reavey) Mrs C Reavey 11-8-10 J Reid 10
13 0000- STAR EVENT (W Lumley) J Etherington 4-8-6 G Duffield 12
16 000000- CAMDEN LOCK (Mrs J Ramsden) T Barron 4-8-5 S Webster 14
18 00000-0 BUCKMINSTER BOY (W Wharton) W Wharton 4-8-4 R Fox 3
22 0000-00 WITH A LOT (P Smith) M Chapman 4-8-1 D Dineley 6
25 000-3 ADMIRABLE (L Ward) C Brittain 4-7-12 W Carson 7
27 00/000- SPARTAN BAZAAR (B Ball) K Cunningham-Brown 4-7-8 M L Thomas 13
28 010200/ CLEWISTON (A Wright) K Morgan 9-7-8 A Mackay 5
29 0004u0 BALGOWNIE (R Vardy) J Mulhall 5-7-8 A Proud 11
30 00/000- CHIEF BLACKFOOT (B Kelson) J Old 6-7-7 D Kent 7 9
31 2 BOLD ILLUSION (H Thursfield) M Eckley 7-7-7 G Dickie 5 2
32 00/300- MILL HOUSE LADY (Mrs M Thompson) R Thompson 4-7-7 S P Griffiths 5 8

5-2 Bold Illusion, 4 Admirable, 5 Mr Music Man, 13-2 Glenhawk, 8 Airedale Travel, 10 Brockton, 12 Clewiston, 14 Buckminster Boy, 16 others.

FORM: GLENHAWK (10-11) 11th beaten over 10l to Golden Fancy (10-3) 30 ran. Doncaster 1m 2f stks good to soft Mar 22. AIRDALE TRAVEL (8-5) 7th beaten over 8l to Rievaux Raver (8-8) 12 ran. Ripon 1m h'cap good June 6. BROCKTON (8-9) unplaced to Zaytoon (8-13) 22 ran. Pontefract 1m h'cap firm Sep 11. MR MUSIC MAN (9-3) 2nd beaten 2l to Rocky's Gal (8-2) 14 ran. Leicester 1m 2f h'cap heavy Mar 26. ADMIRABLE (7-12) 3rd beaten 1½l to Steel Venture (9-5) 30 ran. Doncaster 1m 2f h'cap good to soft Mar 21. BOLD ILLUSION (7-12) 2nd beaten hd to Ridgefield (9-6) 13 ran. Leicester 1m 4f h'cap heavy Mar 26.
Selection: BOLD ILLUSION.

Law Report April 1 1985

No power to appoint receiver and manager for houses

Parker v Camden London Borough Council

Newman and Another v Camden London Borough Council

Before Sir John Donaldson, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Browne-Wilkinson and Lord Justice Mustill

[Judgment delivered March 22]

There was no jurisdiction to appoint a receiver and manager to manage houses owned by a local authority since Parliament had entrusted the general management of such houses to the local authority under section 111 of the Housing Act 1957.

The Court of Appeal so stated allowing an appeal by the London Borough of Camden from a decision of Mr Justice Scott and dismissing another appeal by council tenants from a decision of Mr Justice Walton.

In both cases the tenants were deprived of heating and hot water when the central boiler in their estates broke down and could not be repaired because boilermen employed by Camden were on strike. Camden refused to employ private contractors to carry out repairs for fear of escalating the industrial dispute.

The tenants brought proceedings, *inter alia*, for the appointment of a receiver and manager to receive rents and manage the estates and with authority to take steps to restore heating and hot water.

The first case brought by tenants of the Dudley Court Estate was heard by Mr Justice Scott who granted the relief sought. The second case brought by tenants of the Denton and Maiden Lane Estates came before Mr Justice Walton who refused to grant the relief sought on the ground that there was no jurisdiction to make such an order. Camden appealed against Mr Justice Scott's decision and the tenants appealed against Mr Justice Walton's decision.

Mr Patrick Ground, QC and Mr Timothy Straker for Camden; Mr Michael Miller, QC and Mr Michael Mark for the tenants.

The MASTER OF THE ROLLS said that Camden admitted that it was in breach of its contractual obligations. Accordingly, the tenants had established that they had legal rights which they wished to enforce. The question was whether they could enforce those rights by the appointment of a receiver, on which both judges differed.

Mr Miller said that the power to appoint a receiver now derived from section 37 of the Supreme Court Act 1981. His Lordship accepted that that jurisdiction was general and unlimited but that it must be exercised judicially and with due regard to authorities which were binding on the court.

One such authority was *Gardner v London Chatham and Dover Railway Co (No 1)* ((1867) 2 Ch App Cas 201, 212) where it was held that when Parliament expressly conferred powers and duties and responsibilities on particular bodies, it was improper for the court by the appointment of a receiver or manager to assume those powers and duties.

That applied to the present case bearing in mind that Parliament had charged local authorities with the duties of maintaining council houses under section 111 of the Housing Act 1957.

Mr Justice Scott was wrong to appoint a receiver for the Dudley Court Estate and Mr Justice Walton was right to refuse to do so in respect of the Denton and Maiden Lane Estates.

Lord Justice Browne-Wilkinson and Lord Justice Mustill agreed.

Solicitors: Mr F. Nickson; Gersten & Nixon.

The 1985 Law Society final examination results are due to be published in *The Times* on Thursday April 4.

Prosecution can put in alibi notice as part of its case

Regina v Rossborough

Before Lord Lane, Lord Chief Justice, Mr Justice Skinner and Mr Justice Simon Brown

[Judgment delivered March 19]

Use by the prosecution of a defendant's alibi notice under section 11(1) of the Criminal Justice Act 1967 as part of their case against him was considered by the Court of Appeal when an appeal against conviction was dismissed.

The Lord Chief Justice, giving the judgment of the court, said that there was no valid reason why, in the great majority of cases, the prosecution should not put in the alibi notice as part of their case.

The appeal was brought by Paul Rossborough, aged 21, against conviction at Croydon Crown Court (Mr Recorder F. Whitworth, QC and a jury) on counts of attempted robbery at a sub-post office in Thornton Heath on March 28, 1984 and assault with intent to rob security guards in Sutton on April 2, 1984. He was sentenced to five years' imprisonment concurrent on each count.

Section 11 provides: "(1) . . . the defendant shall not . . . adduce evidence in support of an alibi unless . . . he gives notice . . .

"(4) Any evidence tendered to disprove an alibi may . . . be given before or after evidence is given in support of the alibi.

"(5) Any notice *purporting to be* given under this section by his solicitor shall, unless the contrary is proved, be deemed to be given with the authority of the defendant . . .".

Mr Jeremy S. Gold, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for the Appellant; Mr Stephen Waller for the Crown.

The LORD CHIEF JUSTICE said that at the trial after discussion the prosecution were permitted as part of their case to put in the alibi notice served by the appellant's solicitor. It set out the names of several witnesses whom it was proposed counsel should call to substantiate the alibi.

The police had made three appointments to interview the proposed alibi witnesses but no witness turned up on the first occasion. On the second occasion only one person appeared but he was half an hour late and too late to be interviewed. On the third occasion the police officer was unavailable because he was ill.

The alibi evidence was eventually produced at the trial but Mr Gold was constrained to say that the alibi was a *complete and utter shambles*. The trial judge said that the jury might think it was the family rallying round to try and say the appellant could not have done those things. In their Lordships' judgment that was an accurate description of the effect of the alibi evidence eventually called.

The chief ground of appeal was that the trial judge erred in permitting the prosecution to put in the alibi notice as part of their case. The submission in essence was that, more often than not, the solicitor with the task of serving the notice would be compelled by pressure of time or business to serve it before it was possible to interview the witnesses.

Consequently he and the defendant might be put in a false position because the witnesses named might turn out to be unreliable or unable to remember events, with the result that unfair criticism could be levelled by the prosecution.

Mr Gold submitted that, therefore, the rule should be that the prosecution should not put in an alibi notice save in exceptional circumstances.

Two authorities were relevant: *R v Brigden* ([1973]) Crim L R 579), which to some extent was queried in *R v Watts* ([1980]) 71 Cr App R 136, 141) where Lord Justice Lawton expressed concern about the practice "as a matter course of putting in the alibi notice as part of the prosecution's case".

Lord Justice Lawton went on to say that the practice was doubted because circumstances might arise when an alibi notice was before the jury as part of the prosecution's case when it ought not to be. He gave as an example: "when at the end of the prosecution's case the evidence is so weak that defending counsel takes the view that the best course on behalf of his client is to submit no case and then, if the submission is overruled, stand on the submission".

The Lord Chief Justice said that, in that area of criminal trials each case had, of course, to depend on its facts, as had been said in *Watts*.

There might be cases where it would be wrong to seek to put in the alibi notice as part of the prosecution's case - although they would be rare. The instant case certainly was not such a case.

Their Lordships could see no valid reason why, in the great majority of cases and certainly in circumstances such as the present the prosecution should not put in the alibi notice as part of their case.

Respectfully their Lordships doubted the validity of the augument supporting the example given by Lord Justice Lawton in *Watts*. It was doubtful whether the example was valid.

In view of section 11 (5) the alibi notice letter and the information in it was in effect a statement by the appellant himself "unless the contary was proved". Therefore, the prosecution could put it in if it was relevant just as any other statement by a defendant could be put in by the prosecution if it was relevant and otherwise admissible.

Another ground of appeal was that the trial judge erred in permitting the prosecution to lead evidence of the witnesses' failure to keep interview appointments. Mr Gold submitted that the prosecution should be compelled to wait until the witnesses were called, if they were, and only then be cross-examined as to non-attendance.

In the light of section 11. (4) the fact that the witnesses had not attended was plainly evidence tendered to disprove the alibi. No objection could be taken to its admission as part of the prosecution's case.

There being no substance in any other ground of appeal, the appeal was dismissed.

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By Order of the Board.
N. E. Tomlinson
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The Companies Act, 1948
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I. CLUTTERBUCK
Director

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Only a minimal amount of secretarial work will be involved in this very interesting vacancy in a WC1 computer co. Your duties will include recruitment, personnel, organisation of the office, lots of telephone work with clients, sales teams, etc. Good typing, rusty shorthand, WP knowledge and, above all, an excellent phone manner and a personable nature are the qualities needed for this job. Please telephone Andrea, 01-629 7838, Bennett Personnel Ltd.

UNIVERSITY APPOINTMENTS
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Southampton University

DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS

Applications are invited for a "New Blood" Lectureship in Operational Research in the Department of Mathematics.

Candidates, who should not be more than 35 years of age, should be mathematicians with interests in combinatorics and/or computing and willing to apply these ideas in Operational Research. The OR work of the Department covers a wide range of teaching and research activities. There is an active MSc course in OR and a programme of joint projects with a variety of organisations.

Salary scale: £7,520 x £470 to £14,925 per annum (under review). The initial salary will depend on qualifications and experience.

Further particulars may be obtained from Mr D W Powell, Staffing Department, University of Southampton, Southampton, SO9 5NH, to whom applications (7 copies from UK applicants) should be sent not later than 24 May, 1985, quoting reference 1512/A.

Informal information concerning the post may be obtained by writing to Professor H P Williams at the above address or by telephoning Southampton 559122, Ext 3794.

THE UNIVERSITY OF SHEFFIELD
DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONIC AND ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING

I.T. LECTURESHIP IN III–V SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICES

Applications are invited for a permanent Lectureship recently created in the latest round of UGC/SERC appointments in Information Technology. The successful appointee will be expected to engage in experimental research on III–V semiconductor devices. Of particular concern are novel transistor structures and optoelectronic devices which rely on the unique properties of band-engineered low dimensional semiconductors and their possible integration onto a single substrate.

The Department contains the SERC Centre for III–V Semiconductors and excellent facilities exist for MBE and MOCVD growth, for device fabrication and for material and device characterisation.

Candidates should have a first degree in electronics or physics and subsequent experience of semiconductor research, preferably in the field of III–V compounds. The post is available from 1 September 1985 and the initial salary will be on the scale for Non-Clinical Lecturers (£7,520 – £14,925 a year).

Informal enquiries may be made of Professor P N Robson (telephone 0742-78555 ext 5140). Particulars from the Personnel department (Academic Staffing), the University, Sheffield S10 2TN to whom applications (6 copies), including the names and addresses of three referees, should be sent by 6 May 1985. Quote ref AC42/A

UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH
DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING

LECTURER
SEMICONDUCTOR MEMORY TECHNOLOGY

This new lecturer post in the Electrical Engineering Department is concerned primarily with research in the basic physics and technology of semiconductor memories. The successful candidate will join the Electronic Materials and Devices Group which has well-funded projects in this field, involving active Microfabrication Facility and the VLSI Design Group in the Department. Initial research will be directed towards fast, electrically-alterable non-volatile memories.

Appointment can start at any point on the lecturer scale (£7,520–£14,925).

Applications are invited from candidates with an established background in semiconductor device physics, integrated circuit technology or more broadly in solid-state electronics. Experience in the semiconductor industry would be an advantage. This 'IT Post' is not available to persons already holding permanent appointments in UK universities.

Further information is available from the Secretary to the University, University of Edinburgh, Old College, South Bridge, Edinburgh EH8 9YL, with whom applications (5 copies), giving the names of two referees, should be lodged not later than 11th May 1985.

PLEASE QUOTE REFERENCE NO [illegible]

THE UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS
DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTER STUDIES & PURE MATHEMATICS

LECTURER
(Information Technology – Theory of Computation)

Applications are invited for the above post, funded under the "Information Technology" scheme and available from 1st September 1985. Candidates should have a good honours degree and a PhD in appropriate areas, research experience in mathematical logic and/or theoretical computer science, and, preferably, an interest in the mathematical foundations of programming languages. The appointment will strengthen existing inter departmental research in the applications of mathematical logic to computer science. Collaboration has recently led to the establishment of an inter disciplinary Centre for Theoretical Computer Science in the University. Salary on the academic scale for lecturers (£7,520-£14,925) (under review) according to age, qualifications and experience.

Informal enquiries concerning this post may be made to Dr J. V. Tucker, Department of Computer Studies (Tel: 0532 431751 Ext 6110) or Dr S. S. Wainer, Department of Pure Mathematics, (Tel: 0532 431751 Ext 6305).

Application forms and further particulars may be obtained from the Registrar, The University, Leeds LS2 9JT. Quoting ref: No. 48/55. Closing date for applications 10th May 1985.

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL
Remote Sensing Unit
(Dept. of Geography)
Applications are invited for the post of

TEMPORARY RESEARCH ASSISTANT

to work under the guidance of Dr. E. C. Barrett as a member of a small team addressing a number of satellite remote sensing contracts. The appointee will be a young graduate with experience of weather satellite image analysis, and familiarity with digital image processing. Some knowledge of climatology and/or meteorology will be required.

The appointment will be at the IB level, initially for 6 months, but with a possibility that this period could be extended. The salary scale is £6,600 p.a. (under review).

Applications, together with the names of 3 referees, should be received not later than 12 April, 1985, by The Director, Remote Sensing Unit, Department of Geography, University of Bristol, Bristol BS8 1SS, from whom further particulars may be obtained.

UNIVERSITY OF NOTTINGHAM
MEDICAL SCHOOL
DEPARTMENT OF PHYSIOLOGY AND PHARMACOLOGY

Applications are invited from those qualified in pharmacy, pharmacology, medicine, physiology or cognate disciplines for a

LECTURESHIP

Physiology and Pharmacology are taught as basic medical sciences as part of an intergrated curriculum for the first two years of the Bachelor of Medical Science degree for medical students and for the B.Pharm. degree for pharmacy students. Honours options are also available to students in their third year.

There are excellent facilities for research in many aspects of physiology and pharmacology. For this appointment experience of and a particular interest in teaching in the general areas of cellular and molecular pharmacology or in immunopharmacology will be an advantage.

Salary will be within the non-clinical scale for lecturers with membership of USS. The successful applicant will be expected to take up the appointment as soon as possible.

Those interested in this post are invited to write for details and a form of application to the Deputy Registrar and Secretary, Medical School, Queen's Medical Centre, Nottingham NG7 2UH, to whom completed applications should be returned by 11th May 1985.

Southampton University

DEPARTMENT OF ARCHAEOLOGY

Applications are invited for a New Blood post in the Archaeology of Iberia. Candidates should have a broad knowledge of Iberian archaeology and a record of active research there. It is expected that field survey will comprise at least part of an on-going research programme.

Salary scale: £7,520 x £470 to £14,925 per annum (under review), the initial salary will depend on qualifications and experience.

Further particulars may be obtained from Mr A J Small, The University, Southampton SO9 5NH, to whom applications (7 copies from U.K. applicants) should be sent not later than 10 May 1985 quoting reference number 2142

EXETER COLLEGE, OXFORD
JUNIOR RESEARCH FELLOW AND JUNIOR DEAN

Exeter College proposes to elect a Junior Research Fellow with effect from 1 October 1985. The successful candidate will be required to undertake the duties of Junior Dean and to accept appointment to that office. The appointment is open to graduates under the age of 28 working in any subject. It will be made for two years, the first year being probationary, and may be renewable for a third. The successful candidate will be required to reside in College in order to undertake the duties of Junior Dean.

Further particulars may be obtained from the Rector, to whom applications with the names of three referees should be sent by 15 April 1985.

University College, Cardiff
EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

LECTURER IN MICRO–COMPUTERS IN EDUCATION

Applications are invited for the above post. Salary range £7,520 - £14,925 per annum. Duties to commence October, 1985.

Applications, 3 copies, together with the names and addresses of two referees, should be forwarded to the Vice–Principal (Administration) & Registrar, University College, Cardiff, PO Box 78, Cardiff, CF1 1XL, from whom further particulars will be available. Closing date 3rd May, 1985. Ref: 2927.

UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD
NEW BLOOD UNIVERSITY LECTURESHIP IN CLINICAL IMMUNOLOGY

Applications are invited for a new blood University Lectureship in Clinical Immunology tenable from 1 October 1985. The post is open to both medically qualified and non-medically qualified candidates. This post may be held in conjunction with a fellowship at Linacre College.

Further particulars may be obtained from Professor A J McMichael, Department of Clinical Medicine, John Radcliffe Hospital, Headington, Oxford, OX3 9DU (Tel: 0865-64711) to whom applications (eight typed copies or one from overseas applicants) should be sent by 17 May.

UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG
LECTURER IN ARCHITECTURE

Applications are invited for a Lectureship in the Department of Architecture. Applicants should possess qualifications for membership of the Hong Kong Institute of Architects/Royal Institute of British Architects (or their equivalent in their own countries). Additional academic or professional qualifications would be an asset. The appointee will be required to teach Architectural Design in any of the five years of the curriculum and in addition should be experienced in, and able to lecture on, design technology, design methods, or computer applications in design. Annual salary (superannuable) is on an 11-point scale: HK$148,080 - 247,560 (approx. £17,420 - 29,120; sterling equivalent as at March 15, 1985). Starting salary will depend on qualifications and experience.

At current rates, salaries tax will not exceed 17% of gross income. Housing benefits at a rental of 7½ % of salary, children's education allowances, leave, and medical benefits are provided.

Further particulars and application forms may be obtained from the Secretary General, Association of Commonwealth Universities (Appts), 36 Gordon Square, London WC1H 0PF, or from the Appointments Unit, Secretary's Office, University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong. Applications close: 31 MAY 1985.

IMPERIAL COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
Department of Civil Engineering

New Blood Post in Earthquake Engineering

Research and teaching in Earthquake Engineering which is concerned broadly with design, construction and performance for buildings, structures and civil engineering projects subjected to seismic loading. The successful applicant would develop research in earthquake engineering within the Department which has excellent structural, soil mechanics and engineering seismology research facilities including a shake table. Duties will include the giving of a course of a course of postgraduate lectures in earthquake engineering for students attending existing M.Sc. courses in Steel Structures, Concrete Soil Mechanics and Engineering Seismology. Applicants should have experience in design, construction and earthquake performance in addition to the relevant academic background.

Candidates for his post should normally be below the age of 35. Candidates must not currently hold a permanent university appointment in the United Kingdom. Salary in the scale £8783 – £16158 (under review). Further particulars available from the Personnel Secretary, Imperial College, London SW7 2AZ, 01-589 5111 ext 3309/3310.

Closing date 31 May 1985.

THE UNIVERSITY OF LANCASTER
DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY AND FRENCH STUDIES

TEMPORARY LECTURESHIP

Applications are invited for a Temporary Lectureship (six months) from persons qualified to teach, in both the above departments, the history of France since c.1800. The ability to offer tutorials in the general history of Europe since 1815 would be an advantage. The appointment will run from 1 October 1985 to 31 March 1986, and will be made at a salary no higher than the third point on the Lecturer scale (currently £8,450 per annum).

For further particulars and application form, please write to the Establishment Office (quoting reference L183/B), University House, Bailrigg, Lancaster LA1 4YW, where applications (five copies) naming three referees should be sent to arrive *NOT LATER THAN 23 April 1985.*

University of Western Australia
WARDEN OF ST CATHERINE'S COLLEGE

Applications are invited from graduates for the position of Warden of St Catherine's College within the University of Western Australia. The College is undenominational and provides accommodation as well as tutorial and pastoral care for 150 undergraduate and postgraduate women students. It is governed by an autonomous Council with representatives of University Senate and Staff.

The Warden is responsible for the administration of the College and control of students and staff. Without prejudice to the College, the Warden may with the approval of Council undertake some part-time work within the University or professional consultative work. The successful applicant will be required to take up the position as soon as is convenient.

Salary range is that of Senior Lecturer, at present $A33,351-$38,847. A residence is provided at minimal cost, also superannuation.

It is important that intending applicants obtain a copy of the Conditions of Appointment before submitting applications. These are obtainable from the Secretary General, Association of Commonwealth Universities (Appts), 36 Gordon Square, London WC1H 0PF.

Applications close with the Secretary, St Catherine's College, Stirling Highway, Nedlands, Western Australia 6009, on 17 MAY 1985.

UNIVERSITY OF LEICESTER
DEPARTMENT OF GEOLOGY
Lecturer in Sedimentary Geology

Applications are invited for a post of Lecturer in Sedimentary Geology (preferably with interests in Clastic Sedimentology) in the Department of Geology tenable from 1 October 1985. It is expected that the successful candidate will have broad research interests in sedimentology, including applied, geochemical, structural or palaeoecological aspects. The appointee's main teaching commitment will be in clastic and physical sedimentology and he/she will participate in leading and organising field excursions.

Initial salary will depend on qualifications and experience on the Lecturers' scale £7,520 to £14,925.

Further particulars from the Registrar, University of Leicester, University Road, Leicester, LE1 7RH, to whom applications should be sent on the form provided by 8 May 1985.

University of Nottingham
DEPARTMENT OF MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

RESEARCH ASSISTANT

Applications are invited for the post of Research Assistant in the Department of Mechanical Engineering to work on an SERC sponsored project on measurement of local heat transfer coefficients on film cooled services. The project uses the method of holographic interferometry and existing wind tunnel facilities. The work forms part of an on-going research programme into turbine blade cooling which is conducted in close liaison with industry.

The appointment will be made at post-doctoral level. Salary: Up to £9,390 per annum.

Candidates should write as soon as possible giving details of qualifications and experience to Dr. N. Hay, Department of Mechanical Engineering, University of Nottingham, University Park, Nottingham, NG7 2RD.

UNIVERSITY OF KENT AT CANTERBURY
IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE BRITISH FILM INSTITUTE

RESEARCH FELLOW BRITISH FILM HISTORY

Applications are invited for a post of Research Fellow in British Film History for a four-year period from 1st September 1985 or as soon as possible thereafter. The postholder will be expected to research and write two volumes in the BFI sponsored series on the History of British Cinema dealing with (i) British mainstream cinema and film culture within their social contexts from the late fifties, and (ii) the history of independent cinema in all its forms during the post-war period as a whole.

Applicants should have some knowledge of British Cinema and its history and an awareness of cultural and theoretical ideas and debates.

Salary will be according to qualifications and experience on the scale £7,520-£14,925p.a. (under review) but the initial appointment will not be made above the fourth point of the scale.

Further particulars and application forms may be obtained from Mr J. E. Reilly, Secretary of Faculties and Deputy Registrar, The Registry, University of Kent, Canterbury CT2 7NZ not later than 3rd May 1985. Please quote reference number A26/85/T.

University of Leicester
SCHOOL OF EDUCATION
Lecturer in Nursery/Infant Education

Applications are invited from suitably qualified graduates with relevant teaching experience in the 3-8 age range for this lectureship following the retirement of the present holder. The course, which has hitherto been based at the University's Centre in Northampton, has earned a substantial reputation and has pioneered school-based work within the context of a partnership between local schools and the School of Education. The course is now to be relocated in Leicester and will become an important element in a large Primary PGCE section, a well-qualified and experienced candidate with vision is required to establish the Leicester-based course which will make a major contribution to the development of in-service work in the field of early childhood education at both award-bearing and non-certificated levels.

The appointment will date from 1 September 1985 on the Lecturer scale £7,520-£14,925.

Application forms and further particulars can be obtained from the Registrar, University of Leicester, University Road, Leicester LE1 7RH, to whom completed forms should be returned by 29 April 1985.

The University of Manchester
FACULTY OF CHEMISTRY

Applicants are invited for a temporary Professorship of five years duration in the Wolfson Biomass Unit following the appointment of Professor Bu'Lock to the Chair of Effluence, Centre of Activated Sludge, Bulgaria, where he will research anaerobic digestion of solid wastes leading to biogas and composite-like materials.

The successful applicant will be suitably qualified, have exemplary leadership qualities, and speak E'Fluent Chinese. Preference will be given to candidates who have substantial research experience in the fields of activated sludge and materials recovered from municipal solid waste. Salary will be in the professorial range.

Further particulars and application forms, returnable by May 31st 1985, from the Registrar, The University, Manchester, M13 9PL.

UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE
ASSISTANT LECTURER OR LECTURER IN THE FACULTY OF LAW

"NEW BLOOD SCHEME"

Applications are invited for the post of University Assistant Lecturer or Lecturer in Procedural Law to take up appointment on 1 October 1985 or as soon as possible thereafter.

The successful candidate will be expected to engage in research in the general field of Procedural Law, the Administration of Civil Justice and related subjects. He or she will also be expected to participate in the teaching of the Faculty, not necessarily in that field. Candidates need not have previous specialist experience of research in Procedural Law but the successful candidate must be willing in the future to devote the major part of his or her time to that subject.

Candidates must not be over the age of 35 on appointment. Persons holding permanent University appointments in the United Kingdom are not eligible.

Further information concerning the duties and conditions of appointment may be obtained from the Secretary of the Appointments Committee for the Faculty of Law, Old Syndics Building, Mill Lane, Cambridge CB2 1RX, to whom applications together with a full curriculum vitae and the names of two referees should be sent so as to reach him not later than 22 April 1985.

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DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS

CHAIR IN PURE MATHEMATICS

Applications are invited from suitably qualified persons for a new Chair in Pure Mathematics tenable from October 1, 1985, or as soon as possible thereafter. Candidates should have research interests in algebra or a related field such as algebraic number theory or algebraic geometry. Salary will be in the Professorial range with a minimum of £18,070 per annum.

Requests for application forms and further particulars, quoting reference MAT/23, should be sent to the Registrar, Room B9, UMIST, PO Box 88, Manchester M60 1QD, to whom completed application forms should be returned by April 30, 1985.

University of Newcastle upon Tyne
DEPARTMENT OF INORGANIC CHEMISTRY

LECTURER

Applications are invited for the above post, tenable from 1st October, 1985. The Department is looking to strengthen and/or extend existing research and teaching interests.

Salary will be at an appropriate point on the Lecturers' salary scale: £7,520 - £14,925 per annum according to age, qualifications and experience.

Further particulars may be obtained from the Senior Assistant Registrar (PP), The University, 6 Kensington Terrace, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 7RU, with whom applications (3 copies), together with the names and addresses of three referees, should be lodged not later than 26th April, 1985.

UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

Applications are invited for the following posts in the Department of Extra-Mural Studies:

SENIOR STAFF TUTOR / STAFF TUTOR IN MANAGEMENT STUDIES

Applicants should possess an M.B.A. or equivalent, with an emphasis on behavioural studies. A knowledge of, or interest in, Arts Administration or Museum Management would be an advantage.

STAFF TUTOR IN BUSINESS STUDIES

Applicants should possess a good first degree in a relevant discipline, together with either a higher degree or a suitable professional qualification. Teaching and/or business experience would be an advantage.

Annual salaries (superannuable) are: Senior Staff Tutor (9-point scale): HK$230,220-309,300 (£26,460 - 35,550 approx.). Staff Tutor (11-point scale): HK$148,080 - 247,560 (£17,020 - 28,450 approx.) (Sterling equivalent as at March 20, 1985). Starting salary will depend on qualifications and experience.

At current rates, salaries tax will not exceed 17% of gross income. Housing benefits at rental of 7½% of salary, children's education allowances, leave, and medical benefits are provided.

Further particulars and application forms may be obtained from the Secretary General, Association of Commonwealth Universities (Appts), 36 Gordon Square, London WC1H 0PH, or from the Appointments Unit, Secretary's Office, University of Hong Kong, Hong Hong. Close 3 MAY 1985.

UNIVERSITY OF ABERDEEN

Applications are invited from graduates with appropriate experience and qualifications for the following posts:

CLERK TO THE SENATUS
PERSONNEL AND ESTABLISHMENTS OFFICER

The persons appointed will be responsible to the Deputy Secretary for two of the four sub-sections of the Academic and General Administration Section of the University Office.

The Clerk to the Senatus will be responsible for the work of the Senatus and the five Faculties and is assisted in this by three grade II officers.

The Personnel and establishments Officer will be responsible for all staffing matters, academic and academic-related, secretarial, technical and manual staff appointments and is assisted in this by four Grade II and IA officers.

Both appointments will be on the administrative staff Grade III scale (at present £14,135 to £17,705 per annum), with initial placing according to experience.

Further particulars and application forms for both posts from the Secretary, the University, Aberdeen, with whom applications (2 copies) should be lodged by 30 April 1985.

University of Bristol
FACULTY OF LAW
Applications are invited for two posts of

TEMPORARY LECTURER IN LAW

The appointments will be for periods of up to three years from 1st August, 1985. Salary within the range £7,520 to £8,920 per annum.

Further particulars should be obtained from the Registrar and Secretary, University of Bristol, Senate House, Bristol BS8 1TH, to whom applications should be sent by 19th April, 1985. Please quote reference JC.

JESUS COLLEGE, OXFORD
HOME BURSARSHIP

The College proposes to appoint a Home Bursar, with general responsibility for the domestic administration of the College, to take up his duties in January 1986. The post carries with it eligibility for an Official Fellowship.

Applications should be addressed to the Principal (from whom further particulars may be obtained) before 1 May.

University of Leicester
CENTRE FOR MASS COMMUNICATION RESEARCH

LECTURER

Applications are invited for a post of Lecturer at this international postgraduate teaching and research centre. The person appointed will be required to design, execute and report on research projects, supervise doctoral students and contribute to the teaching of an MA course in the general field of mass communications and media studies. The successful candidate will be a highly qualified person in social science, with relevant teaching and research experience, who has published in the field and is familiar with a range of research approaches.

Initial salary will depend on qualifications and experience on the Lecturers' Scale £7,520 to £14,925.

Further particulars from the Registrar, University of Leicester, University Road, Leicester, LE1 7RH, to whom applications should be sent on the form provided by April 22, 1985.

University of Exeter
Departments of History & Archeology and of Economic History

MARITIME HISTORY OF DEVON

Applications are invited for a post-doctoral Research Fellow to work on a four-year project funded by the Leverhulme Trust on the Maritime History o Devon. Preference will be given to an historian/economic historian with research and publication in some aspect of English maritime history post 1700. The appointment will be for one year in the first instance, commencing 1 October 1985. Starting salary will in the range £7,520-£9,860 p.a. depending on age, qualifications and experience, with annual increments.

Applications, with the names of three referees, should be sent by 6 May 1985 to Professor Joyce Youings, Department of History and Archeology, Queen's Building, The University, Exeter EX4 4QJ from whom further particulars may be obtained.

University of Glasgow
DEPARTMENTS OF BIOCHEMISTRY & BOTANY

NEW BLOOD LECTURESHIP

Applications are invited for a "New Blood" Lectureship in the Departments of Biochemistry and Botany. The age limit for applicants is 35. Persons holding permanent university appointments in the U.K. are ineligible for consideration. Salary will be within the range £7,520-£14,925 on the Lecturers' scale, with placement according to age, qualifications and experience.

Applicants should have research interests in plant biochemistry and molecular biology, plant growth substances or differentiation and the applications of recombinant DNA technology to these systems. While previous experience in plant science would be advantageous is not essential.

Further particulars may be obtained from the Academic Personnel Office, University of Glasgow, Glasgow, G12 8QQ, where applications (8 copies), giving the names and addresses of three referees, should be lodged on or before 6th May, 1985.

In reply please quote Ref. No. 5450E.

University of Exeter
LECTURESHIP IN PHYSICAL CHEMISTRY

Applications are invited from candidates with research interests in Chemical Physics for a Lectureship in Physical Chemistry tenable from 1 October 1985. Applications from gas-phase spectroscopists are particularly encouraged. This is a New Blood appointment, to be eligible for which applicants must normally be less than 35 years of age.

The salary will be within the Lecturer scale £7520 – £14925 per annum (+ USS membership), with placement appropriate to age and experience.

Further particulars available from the Personnel Office, University of Exeter, Exeter EX4 4QJ, to whom applications (eight copies; overseas candidates one copy), including the names of three referees, should be sent by 30 April 1985, quoting reference no. 3419.

University College London
LECTURER IN CHEMISTRY

Applications are invited for a Lectureship in the Department of Chemistry from 1 October 1985. Candidates should have special interests in the teaching of inorganic chemistry and in research in any of inorganic chemistry including bio-inorganic chemistry, physical-inorganic chemistry, solid-state inorganic chemistry, or geochemistry. It is expected that the appointment will be made within the lower part of the lecturer salary scale (£7520 – £14925 + £1233 LA).

Further particulars can be obtained from the Assistant Secretary (Personnel), University College London, Gower Street, London WC1E 6BT, and applications (6 copies if possible) should reach him on or before 26 April 1985.

London School of Economics
RESEARCH ASSISTANT IN STATISTICS

Applications are invited for a post of Research Assistant in the Department of Statistical and Mathematical Sciences. Candidates should have a degree in Statistics and have computing experience. The person appointed will assist both statisticians and non-statisticians in their research. Salary will be in the range £6,275-£7,620 plus £1,233 London Allowance, the starting point depending upon qualifications and experience.

The appointment will be from the end of April 1985 and will be, in the first instance, for the period to 31 July, 1986.

Please apply, by letter, by 10 April, 1985, enclosing curriculum vitae and names of two referees to Mr. D. W. Balmer, Department of Statistical and Mathematical Sciences, London School of Economics, Houghton Street, London WC2 2AE.

Queen Mary College Harwell
STUDENTSHIP IN TWO–PHASE FLOW

Applications are invited for a further Studentship funded by AERE Harwell and tenable at Queen Mary College (University of London) for work on aspects of two-phase flow relevant to PWR safety. The work involves both fundamental study and the handling of large computer codes; it will form part of a joint AERE/QMC research programme in this area, and will lead to a PhD degree.

Applicants should have a good first degree in a relevant subject (most branches of engineering, physics, applied mathematics). Please write for further details to: Professor D. C. Leslie, Department of Nuclear Engineering, Queen Mary College, Mile End Road, London, E1 4NS.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE CARDIFF
LAW DEPARTMENT

(1) TEMPORARY FULL–TIME & HALF–TIME LECTURERS
(2) LECTURER OR SENIOR LECTURER IN COMMERCIAL LAW

Applications are invited for the above posts. Salary range (1) £7,520 - £14,925 per annum (£3,760 - £7,463 half time per annum). (2) £7,520 - £14,925/£14,135 - £17,705 per annum. Duties to commence 1st October, 1985.

Applications, 3 copies, together with the names and addresses of two referees, should be forwarded to the Vice-Principal (Administration) & Registrar, University College, P.O. Box 78, Cardiff CF1 1XL from whom further particulars are available. Closing date 29th April, 1985. Ref: 2928.

CORPUS CHRISTI COLLEGE CAMBRIDGE

Applications are invited for the post of full-time Bursar of the College. The Bursar has responsibility for all the financial and administrative aspects of the College's life and is centrally involved in College policy and planning.

Salary will be within the range of £15,000-£19,000 p.a.

The ideal candidate is likely to be a graduate experienced in management and financial control, familiar with University administration, with diplomatic and negotiating skills and experience of computerised office technology. The person appointed will be eligible for election to a Fellowship of the College.

Further particulars are available from the Master's Secretary, Corpus Christi College, Cambridge CB2 1RH. Applications, together with the names and addresses of not more than three referees, should reach the Master by 27 April 1985.

UNIVERSITY OF LIVERPOOL
'NEW BLOOD'
Lectureship in Tropical Phamacology (Biochemical Pharmacology)

Applications are invited for the post of Lecturer in the Departments of Parasitology, and Phamacology and Therapeutics, established under the UGC 'New Blood' initiative and tenable from 1 October, 1985. Candidates should normally be aged 35 or under on appointment. Persons holding permanent university appointments in the U.K., of whatever kind, are ineligible for appointment to this post. 'New Blood' appointments will be primarily for research.

Candidates should possess research experience in biochemical pharmacology with special reference to parasitology and tropical diseases.

Initial salary within the range £7,520 – £12,635 per annum on a scale rising to £14,925 per annum.

Applications, together with the names of three referees, should be received not later than 18 April, 1985, by the Registrar, the University, P.O. box 147, Liverpool, L69 3BX, from whom further particulars may be obtained. Quote Ref: RV/995 (a)

UNIVERSITY OF YORK
LECTURESHIP IN EARLY MODERN FRENCH HISTORY

Applications are invited for a Lectureship in early modern French History, available from October 1985.

Salary within the Lecturer's scale £7,520 to £14,925 pa (currently under review) with USS: the appointment will be made at the lower end of the scale.

Six copies of applications, with full curriculum vitae and naming three referees, should be sent by 1 May 1985 to Registrar's Department (Appointments), University of York, Heslington, York YO1 5DD. Further particulars are available. Please quote reference number 1/3221.

University of Kent at Canterbury
FACULTY OF HUMANITIES

TEMPORARY LECTURER IN ENGLISH AND AMERICAN LITERATURE

Applications are invited for a one-year temporary Lectureship in English and American Literature from 1st October, 1985. Preference will be given to candidates with particular qualifications for teaching courses in one or more of the following areas: African and Caribbean Literature; Shakespeare; 16th and 17th century literature.

Salary will be according to qualifications and experience on the scale £7,520-£14,925 per annum (under review) but the initial appointment will not be made above the seventh point of the scale.

Further particulars and application forms may be obtained from Mr. J. E. Reilly, Secretary of Faculties and Deputy Registrar, The Registry, University of Kent, Canterbury, Kent CT2 7NZ, not later than Monday, 29th April, 1985. Please quote reference number A25/85/T.

University of Glasgow
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Further particulars may be obtained from the Academic Personnel Office, University of Glasgow, Glasgow, G12 8QQ, where applications (5 copies; 1 copy in the case of overseas applicants), giving the names and addresses of three referees, should be lodged on or before 10th May, 1985.

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LECTURESHIP IN ECONOMICS

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Closing date April 30, 1985

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THE UNIVERSITY OF LIVERPOOL

VICE-CHANCELLORSHIP

A Joint Committee has been established by the Council and the Senate of the University, under the Chairmanship of the President of Council, to nominate a successor to the late Emeritus Professor R F Whelan. In the meantime, Professor J F Norbury has been appointed Acting Vice-Chancellor.

The Joint Committee is assembling a list of those who might be considered for appointment, and has asked a number of people to make suggestions. The Committee wishes its enquiries to be as wide as possible and invites anyone who would like to suggest a name or names to write, preferably before the end of April, 1985, to: **The President of the Council, The University of Liverpool, PO Box 147, Liverpool, L69 3BX.**

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HORIZONS

The Times guide to career development

Lessons in life at work

Barrie Sherman on education pitfalls and today's vocational training

Fashion is a very fickle thing. Skirts can be tight one week and by the next entire wardrobes full of them are useless. Hair can be up, then short, then green and then cut Princess-style in the space of six months.

However, it is not only the appearance of women or indeed the appearances of people that depend on the whims of fashion makers. We have seen it in economics; one year the public sector borrowing requirement, then the balance of trade and a year later inventory analysis have dominated the pundits' pages and the airwaves.

There are, indeed, fashions in politics, in pets and even in language but the one that has the most lasting effect is the fashion in education.

During the past decade we have not only experienced changes in teaching methods running the gamut of family-style informal to the Dr Arnold rigid, but have also seen the continuation of the comprehensive and grammar argument.

The Sex Discrimination Act is having its impact, although generally only in the peripheral areas – such as boys unwillingly doing needlework or girls playing rugby, and to some extent this is fashion too. One has only to listen to the questions at school open days to recognize the questioners and the motivations.

We now see fashions in schools. Some are oversubscribed to such an extent that within three years they cease to be fashionable. Trends and fashions in the subjects that are taught change. Computer sciences and German are fashionable at the moment, while Latin, Russian (last year's fashion) and geography are in retreat. However, the most important fashion of all is the overall style of education. At the moment it is vocational teaching.

Employees have been critical of the system

It is difficult to think of circumstances which could make this more of a disaster in the longer term, at least if vocational is defined in conventional terms. If technology is changing rapidly and skills, crafts and knowledge become increasingly more quickly outdated, then an education system which is dedicated to teaching about a job or a group of jobs has an inbuilt redundancy-causing mechanism.

There are a number of experiments in vocational teaching at present and the concept clearly has the blessing of those in power in ministerial and business sectors.

However, these appear to be an attempt to familiarize the pupils with the idea and the world of work and include some time spent on working premises rather than a quasi-apprenticeship.

Much of the fashion arises because employers have been critical of the school system, including the polytechnic and university systems. Their argument is that the subjects taught are too academic and that young people have to enter the labour market unprepared for work in either discipline or the relevant knowledge.

This opens up a second line of questions alongside those about the relevance of such education and this is whether it is appropriate for educational establishments or employers to undertake this form of work.

The two sets of questions are not really being asked, let alone answered, and herein lies a tragedy. The future of not only the young people themselves but of British industry, indeed society, depends on getting these answers right. Although this may appear to be melodramatic it is not far from reality.

To make the most of the new information technologies and the production techniques we need to have an expert, adaptive, flexible and awae labour force. This applies to all levels – from managers to sweepers, from engineers to salespeople, and from doctors to train drivers.

In all cases an ability to adapt to new systems and techniques will be the most valued of skills. This implies a breadth of vision and a confidence in one's own intrinsic abilities rather than a narrow view and a confidence in a specific and limited technique or subject. This implies changes, not only in what is taught, but also in how things are taught.

The preoccupation with vocational training and teaching stems from an analysis of what our competitors do in these areas, especially the West Germans. It is, however, a misreading. Not only does the German vocational training come after schooling theough a comprehensive apprenticeship system but this system has a very large element of general teaching in it.

In essence it is as much general as specific education, including social subjects such as music, art and history, subjects which the new British fashion is labelling as irrelevant.

From the point of view of work surely employers have a responsibility to train their young people in the enterprise specific skills. There should be a high level of literacy and numeracy, but what is needed even is confidence to tackle new challenges.

It is here that general education should come into its own. It is, however, a matter of how things are taught and the inference that can be drawn from subjects rather than teaching the subject matter in a parrot-like fashion.

Most people who have been lucky enough to come across a good Youth Training Scheme which allows the youngsters to expand, indeed encourages or even demands that they do so, have been very impressed by the results. Young people who achieved little or nothing at school make good public presentations, do sophisticated research and show imaginative yet well structured ideas when given the sort of projects that the schools never encouraged.

There is a wealth of latent talent out there but too few good Youth Training Schemes and too few jobs to allow it to manifest itself.

Teaching should be about getting young people to learn. Learning to learn is probably the single most important subject in Britain today. It is, however, rather low on the educational "top twenty."

The examination systems in Britain are oriented to memory and regurgitation of facts from the earliest to at least first-degree and often graduate studies. The ability to think or to cope with the unusual or unexpected is irrelevant, yet this is precisely what happens when new technological systems are introduced. We are at a considerable disadvantage in this respect compared with many of our competitors.

In place of learning to learn we are teaching more job-oriented subjects at many schools and furthermore jobs that are disappearing at a great rate – even those directly concerned with computers. What is worse is that we are teaching these to children who at an early age have been selected out of the exam race and who are thus tagged "failures".

In the US they claim to need imagination

It is interesting that much of the Youth Training Scheme echoes this fashion and is unpopular among the young. Equally interesting is the new fashion from the United States where specific degrees or skills are being left behind as companies, especially the high-tech ones, are recruiting classics and general graduates. They claim they need imagination – in Britain it seems we do not.

As the working lifetime decreases and more time is spent at leisure, the need to cope with new matters becomes even more important. From the point of view of an individual an ability to try new forms of free time activities raises horizons and defeats the street corner. For society as a whole the need to have income generated in the service and leisure sector grows as the number of people working in manufacturing falls.

Without an aware, and a moneyed set of young people this sector will stagnate. We shall have to await the inevitable fashion change but for all our sakes it should be soon if we are to avoid falling even further behind and adding to our community trouble.

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BIRTHS

BARNICOTT. On March 27, to Alison and Robert – a daughter (Natalie Alison Louisa), a sister for Lee.

CHARLTON. – On March 15 at St Mary's Hospital, Portsmouth to Bettyanne and John a daughter – Joanne, sister for Sasha

FOULKES – On March 20th to Amanda (née COURTENAY) and Andrew a son (William Andrew Courtenay).

GORE BROWNE. – On March 28th at Winchester to Sarah and Bertie – a daughter (Sophie).

HORSLEY. On 28th March to Susan (nee Trotman) and Richard, a son, Moreton William Edward.

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DEATHS

BOWRING. On March 29th, 1985, in her 98th year, Clara Maria, of Merstham, Surrey, widow of the late Cyril Bowring and beloved mother of Derrick and Sonia and the late Flying Officer Norman Bowring and dearly loved grandmother and great-grandmother. Funeral at St Katharine's Church, Merstham, at 4.00 pm on Thursday, April 4th. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to the RAF Benevolent Fund, 67 Portland Place, London W1.

BRAND. On March 29, 1985 Violet Brand A.R.R.C. in her 88th year. Only daughter of Wilfrid and Ethel Brand. Requiem Mass at St Michael's Church, Lewes on Thursday April 4 at 10 am, followed by private cremation. No flowers or letters. Donations if desired, to The Friends of Victoria Hospital, Lewes.

CARVER. – On 26th March, peacefully in hospital at Chichester, Sydney Drinkwater, beloved husband of Eleanor, much loved father of Brenda and Ralph, and grandfather. Cremation private. Thanksgiving service at St Mary's Bramshott near Liphook on Wednesday, April 10th at 2pm. No flowers please, but donations if desired to The Brunswick Boys Club Trust, Fulham, London.

COOPER on March 29 at Ham Green Hospital, Bristol, after a short illness. Donald George, of the Bay Flat, Walton Park Hotel, Clevedon. Husband of the late Jane Cooper, father of John and Guy. Funeral service at St James Church, Cameley, Temple Cloud, Somerset, on Tuesday, April 4th at 2.00pm. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to the Redundant Churches Fund.

COX. On March 30, George Cox, at home, in his 73rd year. Dear husband of Betty Joan Cox and father of Nicholas and Margaret.

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DEATHS

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MORGAN. On March 28, 1985, Mildred Eleanor (nee Turner), aged 91, of Sundial House, Styal, Wilmslow, Cheshire, and formerly of Pear Tree Cottage, Odiham, Hants.

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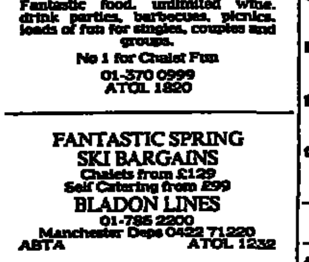
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Today's television and radio programmes

Summaries by Peter Dear and Peter Davalle

BBC 1

6.00 Ceefax AM.

6.50 **Breakfast Time** with Frank Bough and Nick Ross. Weather at 6.55, 7.25, 7.55, 8.25, 8.55 and 9.18; regional news, weather and traffic at 6.57, 7.27, 7.57 and 8.27; national and international news at 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; sport at 7.20, 7.45 and 8.20; pop music news at 7.32; consumer report at 8.15; Plus, a preview of the week's television; healthy eating guide; and Alan Titchmarsh on the April countryside.

9.20 **Battle of the Planets.** Animated science fiction series. **9.40 The Monkees.** Cartoon (r). **10.05 Why Don't You . . .?** A new series begins with a visit to the Botanic Gardens, Glasgow. **10.30 Play School**, presented by Stuart McGugan. **10.50 Cartoons.**

11.05 **Bonanza.** Western adventures set on the Ponderosa ranch (r). **11.50 Wildlife on One.** Amphibious courtship (r). (Ceefax). **12.15 The Gospel According to St John.** The first of eight programmes presented by Paul Alexander.

12.30 **News After Noon** with Richard Whitmore and Frances Coverdale. The weather prospects come from Ian McCaskill **12.57** Regional news (London and SE only: Financial report followed by news headlines with subtitles).

1.00 **Pebble Mill at One** includes a performance by the Georgian State Dancers **1.45 Chigley** (r).

2.00 **Men.** The last in the series examines why women cannot properly challenge male power (r). **2.25 Streetwise.** Self-defence series (r). **2.35 Prime!** Lesson six of the german conversation course (r). **2.50 Songs of Praise** from Chelmsford Cathedral (Ceefax) (r). **3.25 Daffy Duck's Easter Special** (r) **3.53** Regional news (not London).

3.55 **Bertha.** The first of a new series about a machine with a mind of its own **4.10 Captain Caveman. 4.20 Busker.** The first of a new series, written and told by Christopher Lillicrap. **4.35 Dungeons and Dragons.** A new cartoon series **4.55 John Craven's Newsround.**

5.05 **Blue Peter.** Janet Ellis on the set of a full length Biggles adventure film (Ceefax).

5.35 **Grange Hill.** Episode 13 (Ceefax).

6.00 **News** with Sue Lawley and Jeremy Paxman. Weather.

6.35 **London Plus.**

7.00 **Wogan.** The guests are Sue Lloyd and Ronald Allen, Andrew Neill and Andy Ripley. Plus two more hopefuls for the Song for Europe contest sung by Des Dyer and Annabel.

7.40 **Fame.** It is Thanksgiving and Leroy's prodigal father returns unexpectedly.

8.30 **Are You Being Served?** The last programme of the series and Mr Spooner discovers a new talent in which the rest of the staff think that they should share.

9.00 **News** with John Humphrys.

9.25 **Panorama: Men of Honour.** Martin Young reports on the men who have broken the Mafia's code of silence, revealing the extent of the various groups' operations in the United States and Europe.

10.05 **Film: House Calls** (1978) starring Walter Matthau and Glenda Jackson. Comedy about a recently widowed medical man, determined to make up for 31 years of marital fidelity, who makes a mistake when he forms an association with a possessive divorcee. Directed by Howard Zieff.

11.40 **The Gospel According to St John.** A repeat of the programme shown at 12.15.

11.50 Weather.

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6.15 **Good Morning Britain** presented by Nick Owen and Jayne Irving. News with Gordon Honeycombe at 6.15, 6.30, 6.45, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30, 9.00 and 9.22; sport at 6.39 and 7.37; exercises at 6.50 and 8.50; Derek Jameson at 7.15; Popeye cartoon at 7.23; pop video at 7.54; astrology at 8.15, Jimmy Greaves's television highlights at 8.33; financial advice at 8.40; Roland Rat at 9.00.

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9.25 **Thames news headlines** followed by **Sesame Street. 10.25 BMX Beat.** The first of a new series to find the UK BMX Freestyle Champions. **10.50 Buttercup Buskers.**

11.00 **Animal Architecture.** How animals protect themselves, their family and their food stores. **11.10 Fabulous Funnies.** Cartoon. **11.35 About Britain.** The first of four programmes examining how the past and present combine in various parts of East Anglia.

12.00 **Tickle on the Tum.** Village tales for the very young. **12.10 Let's Pretend** to the story of Cinderella. **12.30 Baby and Co.** The penultimate programme of Miriam Stoppard's series deals with the problem of who looks after baby when mother is ill.

1.00 **News at One** and weather. **1.20 Thames news** with Robin Houston. **1.30 Film: Girls of the Road** (1979). A made for television comedy about two lady lorry drivers who have to keep all their wits about them to save their vehicle from being re-possessed. Directed by Robert Greenwald.

3.25 **Thames news headlines. 3.30 The Young Doctors.**

4.00 **Tickle on the Tum.** A repeat of the programme shown at noon. **4.15 Batfink** is on the trail of Lucky Chuck. **4.20 He-Man and Masters of the Universe. 4.45 Dramarama:** Easy by Dave Sheasby. Neil would rather be watching football but his parents insist that he carries on with his violin practice (Oracle).

5.15 **Diff'rent Strokes.** Comedy series about an American millionaire and his adopted family.

5.45 **News. 6.00 Thames News.**

6.25 **Help!** Viv Taylor Gee examines the system of cervical smear testing in this country and offers the Family Planning Association's list of places where these tests are carried out.

6.35 **Crossroads.** John Banks hears some home truths from Glenda Banks.

7.00 **What's My Line?** Eamonn Andrews's panel consists of Ernie Wise, Jilly Cooper, Earl of Lichfield, Fiona, Baroness Thyssen and George Gale.

7.30 **Coronation Street.** Bet Lynch sets out to make the Rovers' a little more select and genteel (Oracle).

8.00 **Roll Over Beethoven.** Comedy series with Nigel Planer as a rock star and Liza Goddard his piano teacher who thinks she is falling for him – until she meets his friends (Oracle).

8.30 **World in Action.** An investigation of the battle between the government, conservationists and big farmers over the destruction of the countryside.

9.00 **Quincy.** Part two of a mystery and Quincy's investigations into the nursing home murder almost lead to his wedding being cancelled.

10.00 **News at Ten** and weather.

10.30 **Film: Von Ryan's Express** (1965) starring Frank Sinatra as an American Airforce Colonel, captured by the Germans and sent to a prisoner-of-war camp. From there he plans a daring escape. Directed by Mark Robson.

12.40 **The Seven Deadly Sins.**

12.50 Closedown.

Pierre Boulez: BBC 2, 10.05pm and Radio 3, at 9.15pm

● **BOULEZ NOW** (BBC 2, 10.05pm) is actually Boulez 1982. Not that it matters all that much. The composer's work does not apear to have undergone any revolutionary change since we first saw Barrie Gavin's film, which was made for the *Arena* slot nearly three years ago when Boulez condusted his new work, *Répons*, at the Proms.

The scheduling of tonight's repeat was well thought out. It coincides with celebrations to mark Boulez's 60th birthday, and with Radio 3's EBU concert from Baden-Baden (9.15pm) in which the composer conducts four of his own works.

They do not, unfortunately, include Répons, a composition for traditional instruments and computer, the rehearsing of which was so fascinatingly chronicled in Mr Gavin's film that it went on to win an award. It takes time for unaccustomed ears to become

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educated to the distinctive end product of this fusion of flesh-and-blood and electronics, and a full performance of Répons on radio might have speeded up the educative process no end.

● **THE FOOD ALLERGY WAR** (BBC 2, 8.10pm) takes the old adage about one man's meat being another man's poison out of its customary matter-of-taste context, and gives it a literal application. Even wholesome foods, the argument goes, can be toxic to people who are allergic to them. Alter your eating habits, and wondrous things can happen: i.e. the lurching beefeater in the painful grip of arthritis walks painlessly with Spring in his step after going on a beefless diet; and there are the multiple sclerosis symptoms that disappear when a woman stops eating oranges, bananas and peanuts. The clinical ecologists certainly put forward a strong case in Tony Edwards's film for a radical reappraisal of our methods of treating chronic diseases. From the opposition, come discrediting grunts of "placebo" and "psycho-neurosis."

● Radio highlight: **KALEIDOSCOPE** (Radio 4, 9.45pm), given over tonight to the art world crisis, puts Arts Minister Lord Gowrie and Arts Council Chairman Sir William Rees-Mogg into the hot seats . . . And there is another chance to catch up with episode two of the slightly nightmarish comedy serial **NINETEEN NINETY–FOUR**, sharply written by Richard Turner and William Osborne (Radio 4, 6.30pm).

Peter Davalle

BBC 2

6.30 **Open University:** Physics: Which Way to Turn? Ends at 6.55. **9.00** Ceefax.

3.55 **Film: Crack in the World** (1965) starring Dana Andrews and Janette Scott. Science fiction thriller about a scientific experiment, designed to produce all the Earth's energy *needs*, that goes badly wrong. Directed by Andrew Marton.

5.25 **News** summary with subtitles. Weather.

5.30 **Lifeboat.** The documentary series on the men of the Humber lifeboat and their families continues with the reaction among the small community when one of their number decides to leave. (r)

6.00 **Film: The Merry Widow*** (1934) starring Jeanette MacDonald and Maurice Chevalier. When a fabulously wealthy widow leaves her homeland for the bright lights of Paris, a handsome young royal guard is sent to bring her back. Based on Lehar's operetta and directed by Ernst Lubitsch.

7.35 **Flower of the Month.** Geoffrey Smith traces the history of the rhododendron.

7.45 **Madhur Jaffrey's Indian Cookery.** Programme seven of the series includes the correct method of preparing Cocktail Koftas – spiced meatballs – with an accompanying dish of black-eyed beans with mushrooms. (r)

8.10 **Horizon: The Food Allergy War.** A documentary examining the claims made by a group of American doctors called Clinical Ecologists who believe that many ailments are caused by food allergies. Ignored at first, their findings are now being looked at carefully by doctors in this country, notably at the Royal Liverpool Hospital, Addenbrokes, Great Ormond Street and the Middlesex Hospitals. Tonight's programme deals with a controversial cure for allergy called the Neutralisation Therapy (see Choice).

9.00 **Laugh??? I Nearly Paid My Licence Fee.** Comedy sketches from a talented group of comedians led by Robbie Coltrane; plus part one of the chilling serial, The Master of Dundreich. (r)

9.25 **The Young Ones.** The anarchic quartet discover a bomb in the refrigerator. Starring Ade Edmondson, Rik Mayall, Nigel Planer and Christopher Ryan. With Alexie Sayle and Dexy's Midnight Runners. (r).

10.05 **Arena: Boulez Now.** A profile of the celebrated conductor and composer including excerpts from his ambitious work, Repons. (r) (see Choice).

11.00 **Newsnight.**

11.45 **Weather.**

11.50 **Animation Now.** Two Bulgarian-made offerings – Donev's Come Back to Sorrento and Kulev's Stage Play. Ends at 12.05.

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2.35 **Vietnam: The Ten Thousand Day War.** Part 20 of the 26-programme series on the Vietnam War examines whether or not Operation Linebacker II – the saturation bombing of Hanoi by American B52 bombers – was the reason the North Vietnamese agreed to peace talks in Paris.

3.00 **The Late, Late Show.** The popular and long running Dublin chat show.

4.00 **A Plus 4.** Gill Nevill talks to David Steel and his wife, Judy, about life in the Borders.

4.30 **Hey Good Looking!** Deyan Sudjic, architectural correspondent of *The Sunday Times*, with the first of five programmes on various aspects of design. This afternoon's programme deals with the new architecture that is springing up around us.

4.45 **Dangerous Journey.** Part two of the modern re-telling of John Bunyan's Pilgrim's Progress.

5.00 **Alice.** Mel is shattered when he discovers that his staff have offered actor Art Carney a handsome reward for endorsing Mel's famous chilli.

5.30 **The People's Court.** Judge Wapner rules in the cases of What's a Daughter to Do? and Want to Buy a Vacuum Cleaner?

6.00 **Where in the World?** Travel quiz presented by Ray Alan. The two team captains, John Julius Norwich and John Carter, are joined by Sheila Scott, Robin Hanbury-Tenison, Bob Haines and David Wilkie.

6.30 **Channel Four Investigates . . .** A Leap Forward in Television? Remember today's date.

7.00 **Channel Four News.**

7.50 **Comment.** With his thoughts on a matter of topical importance is Dr David Whitehouse, astronomer and space scientist at the Mullard Space Science Laboratory. Weather.

8.00 **Brookside.** Heather is reinstated at Curzon's and is puzzled why; and Damon's April Fool's prank starts badly and becomes worse.

8.30 **Relative Strangers.** The final episode of the comedy and Percy arrives at Fitz's, after being thrown out by Agnes, for comfort and support.

9.00 **Repercussions.** The series tracing the history of Afro/American music ends with an examination of the Highlife music of Ghana.

10.10 **Newhart.** American comedy series starring Bob Newhart.

10.45 **The Eleventh Hour Presents Late Night Stories.** Three films from Sheffield, beginning with **Winnie** (1984), the story of a widow making up for what she missed in 40 years of marriage; **After the Ball** (1984) examines an unemployed man's fight for self-respect; and **Jobs for the Girls** (1979) is the story of a girl who wants to become a motor mechanic.

12.25 Closedown.

Radio 4

On long wave. † also VHF stereo.

5.55 Shipping. 6.00 News Briefing: Weather. 6.10 Farming Week 6.25 Prayer for the Day.
6.30 Today, including 7.00, 8.00 News. 7.25, 8.25 Sport. 7.45 Thought for the Day. 8.35 The Week on 4. Programme preview. 8.43 Ian Skidmore with recordings from the BBC sound archives.
9.00 News.
9.05 Start the Week with Richard Baker. Guests are Edward Heath, Edward de Bono, Don Cupitt and Joyce Jillson.†
10.00 News; Money Box. With Louise Botting.
10.30 All Stations to the Cross. First talk of Holy Week (new series). With Robrt Foxcroft.
10.45 Daily Service.†
11.00 News; Travel; Down Your Way visits Dymock in Herefordshire.
11.48 Poetry Please.
12.00 News; You and Yours. Consumer affairs with Paul Heiney.
12.27 King Street Junior by Jim Eldridge. 12.55 Weather.
1.00 The World at One: News.
1.40 The Archers. 1.55 Shipping.
2.00 Woman's Hour.
3.00 The Afternoon Play: Muggers, by Alan Prior. Drama about a tough old police inspector who goes into action after a series of robberies and muggings. With John Bott, Sean Barrett, Mark Straker and Gary Beadle (r). †
4.30 Points of Departure. Christopher Matthew on the hover-lovers of Dover.
4.40 Story Time: 'A Gun for Sale' by Graham Greene. The reader is Aubrey Woods.
5.00 PM: News magazine. 5.50 Shipping. 5.55 Weather.
6.00 The Six O'clock News; Financial Report.
6.30 Nineteen Ninety-Four, starring Robert Lindsay (2) (r).
7.00 News.
7.05 The Archers.
7.20 Six Women. This week: Toyah Wilcox, Doing it Her Way. The interviewer is Anne Brown.
7.45 Science Now with Peter Evans.
8.15 The Monday Play. 'Frosted Glass' by Jane Beeson. A teenaged girl's life becomes a nightmare when her father's affection for her assumes an increasingly physical nature. Starring Sylvester le Touzel as the girl, John Rowe as her father.
9.20 Behind the Scenes. Tenor Robert Tear talks to Mari Griffith.
9.45 Kaleidoscope. Michael Olver interviews Lord Gowrie, the Minister for the Arts, and the Chairman of the Arts Council, Sir William Rees-Mogg.
10.15 A Book At Bedtime: 'The Magic Toyshop' by Angela Carter. Abridged in 12 episodes (12).
10.30 The World Tonight, including 11.00 Headlines.
11.15 The Financial World Tonight.
11.30 Today in Parliament.
12.00 News; Weather. 12.33 Shipping Forecast.

VHF (available in England and S Wales only) Radio 4 vhf is as above except: 5.55-6.00am Weather; Travel. 1.55-2.00pm Listening Corner. 5.50-5.55 PM (continued). 11.00 Study On 4.

Radio 3

6.55 Weather 7.00 News.
7.05 Morning Concert: Souza's The Gladiator March: Washington Post (played by Philip Jones Ensemble/Howarth); Liszt's Two Concert Studies G145 (played by George Bolet, piano); Dvorak's Prince's Aria from Rusalka (Beno Blachut, tenor); Fauré's Sicilienne Op 78 for cello and piano (Thomas Igloi/Clifford Benson); Enescu's Suite No 2 in C. Op 20 (Monte Carlo Philhamonic, under Lawrence Foster)†. 8.00 News.
8.05 Morning Concert (contd): Albinoni's Concerto in C for two oboes Op 7 No 11 (Holliger/Elhorst/Camerata Bern); Handel's Organ Concerto No 13 in F (Chorzempa/Concerto Amsterdam under Schroder); Braham's Waltzes Op 39 (Eden and Tamir, piano duet); Sibelius's Finlandia (Boston SO under Sir Colin Davis).†. 9.00 News.
9.05 This week's Composer: Bruch. Recordings of the Violin Concerto No 1 (Accardo with Leipzig Gewandaus/Masur); Piano Pieces Op 12: No 1 in B flat, and No 2 in G minor (Martin Berkofsky); and Konzertstuck Op 84 for violin and orchestra (Accardo, violin and Leipzig Gewandhaus under Masur).†
10.00 Handel Trio-Sonatas: L' Ecole d'Orphee. Handel's in G minor Op 2 No 5; in G minor; and Festing's in D Op 2 No 2.
10.25 Messiaen and Jolivet Messiaen's hymne (French National RO under Constant); Jolivet's Ondes Martenot Concerto (Loriod/French National RO under Jolivet).†
11.05 Spring Songs: Ameral Gunson (mezzo) with Paul Hamburger (piano). Works by Rachmaninov (including Lilacs; Sorrow in Springtime, Op 21 No 12; and Spring Waters, Op 14 No 11); Gounod (including Premier jour de Mai); Rimsky-Korsakov (the song cycle In Spring); and Bizet's Chanson d'Avril; Pastorale: Après l'hiver.†
11.50 The Italian Connection: Eugene Sarbu (violin), BBC Philharmonic (under Downes). Respighi's symphonic poem The Fountains of Rome; Walton's Violin Concerto in B minor; Wagner's overture Rienzi.†1.00 News.
1.05 BBC Lunchtime Concert: Nash Ensemble play Bax's Nonet for flute, oboe, clarinet, harp and strings; Debussy's Sonata for flute, viola and harp; Malipiero's Sonata in cinque for flute, harp and strings.†
2.00 Music Weekly: with Michael Oliver. Includes Peter Williams on recent developments in Bach scholarship.†
2.45 New Records: Handel's Concerto a due cori No 2 in F; Anthoine de Bertrand's Amours de Ronsard (extracts); Haydn's Violin Concerto in C, H VIIa 1) played by Isabelle vam Keulen, Violin and Netherlands Chamber Orchestra); Danzi's Wind Quintet in B flat Op 56 No 1 (Stuttgart Wind Quintet); Granados's Six Pieces on Spanish Popular Songs (Alicia de Larrocha, piano); Charpentier's Depuis lejour from Louise (Julia Migenes-Johnson, soprano); Janacek's Sinfonietta (Czech PO).†4.55 News.
5.00 Mainly for Pleasure: another of Fritz Spiegl's selections of recorded music.†
6.30 Organ music: Gaston Litaize, in the Royal Festival Hall, plays Couperin's Offertoire sur les grands jeux; and Franck's Choral No 3 in A minor.†
7.00 Horovitz and Josephs: BBC Singers with Jennifer Adams (soprano). Joseph Horovitz's Endymion (first broadcast in the UK); and Wilfred Josephs's Spring Songs Op 120.†
7.30 Bach and Schubert: Martino Tirimo (piano) plays Bach's Chranatic Fantasy and Fugue in D minor; and Schubert's Sonata in A minor, D 845.†
8.30 Of Cadres and Kings: third of seven documentaries about life in South-East Asia. With John Keay. Tonight: Creeds and Politics (r).†
9.15 Pierre Boulez: Concert, part one. With Phyllis Bryn-Julson (soprano), Chamber Choir of RIAS, Berlin; South-West German SO under the composer. Rituel in Memoriam Bruno Maderna; Cummings ist der Dichter; Improvisation 111 sur Mallarmé.†
10.10 Those who Can't Might: The novelist Wilbur Sanders, Fellow of Selwyn College, Cambridge, talks about the states of Criticism and Creativity, and the difficult path to obtaining citizenship of both of them.
10.30 Boulez: part two. La soleil des eaux; Notations I-IV for orchestra.†
11.00 Marc Antoine Charpentier: sacred music.
11.57 News. Until 12.00.

Radio 2

4.00am Colin Berry†. 6.00 Ray Moore†. 8.05 Ken Bruce†. 10.30 Jimmy Young†. 1.05 Sports Desk; David Jacobs†. 2.00 Paul Heiney† including 2.02; 3.02 Sports Desk. 3.30 Music All The Way†. 4.00 Steve Jones† including 4.02, 5.05 Sports Desk. 6.00 John Dunn† including 6.02 Sports Desk 6.45 Sport and Classified Results (MF) only. 8.00 Alan Dell†. 9.00 Humphrey Lyttelton†. 9.55 Sports Desk. 10.00 The Name's The Game. 10.30 Non-stop-Stutz (new series). 11.00 Brian Matthew presents Round Midnight (stereo from midnight). 1.00am Bill Rennells presents Nightride†. 3.00-4.00 Folk on 2 (English Country Blues Band)†.

Radio 1

6.00am Adrian John. 7.00 Mike Read. 9.00 Simon Bates. 12.00pm Gary Davis including 12.30pm Newsbeat. 2.30 Steve Wright. 5.00 Bruno Brookes including 5.30 Newsbeat. 7.30 Janice Long. 10.00-12.00am John Peel†.
VHF Radios 1 & 2 4.00am With Radio 2. 10.00pm With Radio 1. 12.00-4.00am With Radio 2.

WORLD SERVICE

6.00am Newsdesk. 7.00 World News. 7.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 7.30 Sarah and Company. 8.00 World News. 8.09 Reflections. 8.15 Goldfinger. 8.30 Anything Goes. 9.00 World News. 9.09 Review of the British Press. 9.15 Waveguide. 9.25 Good Books. 9.40 Look Ahead. 9.45 Peebles' Choice. 10.00 News Summary. 10.01 Science in Action. 10.30 Music Now. 11.00 World News. 11.09 News About Britain. 11.15 The Art of Kathleen Ferrier. 12.00 Radio Newsreel. 12.15 Brain of Britain 1985. 12.45 Sports Round-up. 1.00 World News. 1.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 1.30 The Elements of Music. 2.00 Outlook. 2.45 At Home With . . . 3.00 Radio Newsreel. 3.15 Ralph McTell and Friends. 3.45 The Art of Kathleen Ferrier. 4.00 World News. 4.09 Commentary. 4.15 Mediterranean Dialogue. 4.30 Seven Wonders of the Modern World. 4.45 The World Today. 5.00 World News. 5.09 Book Choice. 5.15 Mr Word! 8.00 World News. 9.15 Short Takes. 9.30 Counterpoint. 10.00 World News. 10.09 The World Today. 10.25 Book Choice. 10.30 Financial News. 10.40 Reflections. 10.45 Sports Roundup. 11.00 World News. 11.09 Commentary. 11.15 Seven Wonders of the Modern World. 11.30 Brain of Britain 1985. 12.00 World News. 12.09 News About Britain. 12.15 Radio Newsreel. 12.30 Sarah And Company. 1.00 News Summary. 1.01 Outlook. 1.30 Short Story. 1.45 Land of a Thousand Dances. 2.00 World News. 2.09 Review of the British Press. 2.15 Network UK. 2.30 Sports International. 3.00 World News. 3.09 News About Britain. 3.15 The World Today. 3.30 John Peel. 4.00 Newsdesk. 4.30 Shakespeare and Music. 5.45 The World Today. (All times in GMT)

BBC1 Wales. 12.57 News of Wales Headlines. 3.53-3.55 News of Wales Headlines. 5.35-6.00 Wales Today. 6.35-7.00 Grange Hill. 11.50-12.10am The Sky At Night. 12.10-12.15 News and weather. **Scotland.** 12.57-1.00 The Scottish News. 6.35-7.00 Reporting Scotland. 11.40-11.50 The Seven Last Words. 11.50-11.55 News and weather. **Northern Ireland.** 12.57-1.00 Northern Ireland News. 3.53-5.55 Northern Ireland News. 5.35-5.40 Today's Sport. 5.40-6.00 Inside Ulster. 6.35-7.00 Taxi. 11.50-11.55 News and weather. **England.** 6.35-7.00 Regional news magazines.

S4C Starts: 1.00pm Silents Please. 1.30 Face the Press. 2.00 Cei Cocos. 2.10 Film: Thoroughly Modern Millie (Julie Andrews). 4.50 Lowri a'r Capten. 5.00 Straeon y Byd. 5.30 People's Court. 6.00 Discovery. 6.30 Bois y Blacdren. 7.00 Newyddion Saith. 7.30 Arolwg. 8.00 Tropical Moon Over Dorking. 9.00 O Wynfid i Adfyd. 9.50 Y Byd ar Bedwar. 10.20 Fragile Earth Retrospective. 11.05 Design Matters. 11.35 Other Side of the Tracks. 12.35am Closedown.

HTV WEST As London except: 9.25am Contest Kid and the Big Prize. 9.50 Gather Your Dreams. 10.15-10.25 Bella. 10.50 Unicorn Tales. 11.15-11.30 Karate Spirit. 1.20pm News. 1.30-3.30 Film: Easter Parade (Judy Garland). 5.15-5.45 Whose Baby? 6.00-7.00 News, 10.30 General Sir John Hackett at Home. 11.00 Film: Night of the Big Heat (Peter Cushing). 12.40am Closedown.

HTV WALES As HTV West except: 6.00pm-7.00 Wales at Six. 10.30-11.00 Dragon Has Two Tongues.

REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

CHANNEL As London except: 9.25am-10.25 Red Arrows. 10.50 Jerusalem. 11.15-11.30 World's Children. 1.20pm News. 1.30 Dreams. 2.00-4.00 Film: Easter Parade. 5.15-5.45 Young Doctors. 6.00 Channel Report. 6.30-7.00 Diff'rent Strokes. 9.00-10.00 Kojak. 10.34 Just Jazz. 11.00 The Master. 11.55 Closedown.

TVS As London except: 10.50am Cartoon. 11.00-11.30q Fireball XL5. 1.20pm News. 1.30 Home Cookery Club. 1.35-3.30 Film: Your Money or Your Wife (Peggy Cummins). 5.15-5.45 Sons and Daughters. 6.00 Coast to Coast, 6.40-7.00 Airmail. 10.30 Questions. 11.30 Intruders. 12.00 Protectors. 12.30am Company, Closedown.

TSW As London except: 10.50am Jerusalem. 11.15-11.30 World's Children. 1.20pm News. 1.30 Dreams. 2.00-4.00 Film: Easter Parade (Judy Garland). 5.15-5.45 Young Doctors. 6.00 Today South West. 6.30-7.00 Diff'rent strokes. 9.00-10.30 Kojak. 10.34 Jazz Special. 11.00 The Master. 11.55 Postscript., Closedown.

YORKSHIRE As London except: 10.50am Gather Your Dreams. 11.15-11.30 Abigail. 1.20pm News. 1.25 Help Yourself. 1.30 Film: Easter Parade (Judy Garland). 3.30-4.00 Country Practice. 5.15-5.45 Benson. 6.00 Calendar. 6.30-7.00 Clegg's People. 10.30 Calendar Commentary. 11.00 Prisoner: Cell Block H. 12.00 Meditations for Holy Week. 12.10am Closedown.

ULSTER As London except: 10.50am Professor Kitzel. 11.00-11.30 Short Story Theatre. 1.20pm Lunchtime. 1.30 Film: Dolly Sisters. 3.30-4.00 Cleggs People. 5.15-5.45 The Beverly Hillbillies*. 6.00 Good Evening Ulster. 6.30-7.00 Lifestyle. 10.30 Festival Folk. 11.55 Rough Road To Calvary. 12.00 News, Closedown.

TYNE TEES As London except: 10.50am The Adventures of Gulliver. 1.20-11.30 Cartoon. 1.20pm News. 1.30 Film: The Jockers. (Michael Crawford). 3.10-3.30 Cartoon. 6.00 News. 6.02 Mr and Mrs. 6.30-7.00 Northern Life. 9.00-10.00 Magnum. 10.32 Film: Licensed to Kill (Tom Adams). 12.15am From Temple To Church With Christ Husus, Closedown.

GRAMPIAN As London except: 10.50am World's Children. 11.05-11.30 Groovie Gookes. 1.20pm News. 1.30-3.30 Film: Kidnapped (Michael Caine). 5.15-5.45 Emmerdale Farm. 6.00-7.00 North Tonight. 9.00-10.00 Mike Hammer. 10.30 Kojak. 11.30 Curling. 12.30am News, Closedown.

SCOTTISH As London except: 1.20pm News. 1.30 Action Line. 1.35-4.00 Film: The Robe. 5.15-5.45 Emmerdale Farm. 6.00 News and Scotland Today. 6.30-7.00 What's Your Problem? 10.30 Crime Desk. 10.35 Between the Lines. 11.05 Protectors. 11.30 Curling. 12.30am Late Call, Closedown.

BORDER As London except: 10.50-11.30 Boast of Kings. 1.20pm News. 1.30 Film: The Robe (Victor Mature). 5.15-5.45 Animals in Action. 6.00 Lookaround. 6.30-7.00 Mr & Mrs. 10.30 Mysteries of Edgar Wallace*. 11.30 Curling. 12.30am News, Closedown.

ANGLIA As London except: 10.50am European Folk Tales. 11.10-11.30 Fireball XL5. 1.20pm News. 1.30-3.30 Film: Easter Parade. 5.15-5.45 Emmerdale Farm. 6.00 About Anglia. 6.30-7.00 Bygones Special. 10.30 Anglia Reports. 11.00 Streets of San Francisco. 12.00 Live at City Hall. 12.30 Undercurrents, Closedown.

GRANADA As London except: 9.25am Once Upon a Time . . . Man. 9.50 Poseidon Files. 10.40 BMX Beat. 11.05-11.30 Fireball XL5. 1.20pm Granada Reports. 1.30 Film: Dark Angel (Fredric March). 3.30-4.00 Scramble. 5.15-5.45 Beverly Hillbillies*. 6.00 Scramble. 6.30-7.00 Granada Reports. 9.00-10.00 Magnum. 10.30 Barney Miller. 11.00 Week Tonight. 11.45 Snooker. 12.45am Closedown.

CENTRAL As London except: 9.25am Sport Billy. 9.30 Big Bird Goes To China. 11.00 Town Mouse and Country Mouse 11.05-11.30 BMX Beat. 1.20pm News. 1.30-3.30 Film: Love and Pain and the Whole Damn Thing (Maggie Smith). 5.15-5.45 Happy Days. 6.00 News. 6.30-7.00 Citizen '85. 10.35 Venture. 11.05 Kolchak – Night Stalker. 12.05am Contact. 12.25 Closedown.

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ASHCROFT CROYDON 01-688 9291 cc 01-680 5955 Until 6th April Marius Goring, Paul Darrow, Joanna Hole in J. B. Priestley's I HAVE BEEN HERE BEFORE.

BARBICAN 01-628 8795/638 8891 cc (Mon-Sun 10am-8pm). For inc hotel package 01-330 7111 ROYAL SHAKESPEARE COMPANY NEW SEASON 9 Apr-22 June BARBICAN THEATRE "Triple Triumphs" D Mail few tickets available for HAMLET, RICHARD III, HENRY V. Day seats from 10am. THE PIT From 9 April THE PARTY by Trevor Griffiths "a riveting revival" S Times.

BUSH THEATRE 743 3388. COPPERHEAD by Erik Brogger. Tue-Sun 8pm.

CABARET PICCADILLY, Denman St. 437 6008 CC 379 6565/379 6433 No perfs April 5 & 6. FRI 11 & SAT 12 APRIL 11pm. BOUNCING CZECKS & The Greatest Show on Legs Admission £5. Membership Free.

COTTESLOE 928 2252 CC 928 5933 "S" (National Theatre's small auditorium – low price tkts). Ton't 7.30, then April 4, 5, 12, April 6 & 13 at 11.00am THE NATIVITY. Tomor. Wed 7.30, then April 10 & 11, Mat April 6 & 13 at 3.30 THE PASSION (The Building will be closed Good Friday).

COMEDY 930 2578. CC 839 1438 Eves 8.0. Fri & Sat 6 and 8.45 MONSTER MUSICAL HIT LITTLE SHOP of Horrors 2nd MOUTH-WATERING YEAR!! "I LOVED IT – HOPE IT RUNS FOR 1,000 YEARS" Time Out SEATS AT SOME PERFS FROM [illegible] Group Sales Box Office 930 6123

CRITERION. S 930 3216 CC 379 6565/379 6433/741 9999. Groups 836 3962. Eves 8.0. Mats Thurs 2.30. Sat 5.30 & 8.30. Perfs as Normal over Easter. "BRITISH FARCE AT ITS BEST" The Theatre of Comedy Company ROBIN ASKWITH GEOFFREY HUGHES BILL PERTWEE TRESSA WYATT SERETTA WILSON with GARETH HUNT and BARRY HOWARD in RUN FOR YOUR WIFE Written and Directed by RAY COONEY. Over 800 side-splitting perfs. "SHOULD RUN FOR LIFE" S Exp. Seats £4.50 to £9.50 Special Theatre Dinner Criterion Brasserie/Stalls or Circle Tkt £14.50.

DONMAR WAREHOUSE Earlham St. Cov Gdn. 836 3028 cc 379 6565/379 6433. Prev Ton't at 7.30. Opens Tomor at 7.0. Sub Eves 7.30. No perfs Good Fri or Easter Mon. THE WOMEN'S PLAYHOUSE TRUST presents SPELL NO. 7 by Ntozake Shange

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DUCHESS THEATRE 836 8243 240 9648. "Superbly played by ..." Mail on Sun. COLIN BLAKELY DOROTHY TUTIN in OTHER PLACES By Harold Pinter Directed by Kenneth Ives "The acting by Colin Blakely ... Dorothy Tutin & Susan Engel has no equal in London" S. Times "A KIND OF ALASKA & ONE FOR THE ROAD are [illegible]" [illegible] Good Friday 8.30 perf only.

DUKE OF YORKS 836 5122 CC 836 9837/379 6433 Grp Sales 930 6123. Eves 8, Mat Thu 3, Sat 5 & 8.30. "TRIUMPH ON TAP" Eve Std STEPPING OUT The Hit Comedy by Richard Harris Directed by Julia McKenzie IN THIS YEAR'S COMEDY OF THE YEAR Standard Drama Award 1984 "LAUGH YOURSELF SILLY" T. Out "Had the first night audience yelling for more" D Mail "Must surely take the town ... GO NOW" D Tel "Roars of approval" Times "It's going to top, tap, tap forever" N.O.W. "A brand new All Dancing, All Joking Smash-Hit Comedy ... A GREAT EVENING" B.B.C.

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GARRICK CC S 01-836 4601. Eves 8.00, Wed Mat 3.00, Sat 5.00 & 8.00. 14th HYSTERICAL YEAR. LONGEST RUNNING COMEDY IN THE WORLD NO SEX, PLEASE — WE'RE BRITISH 2 HOURS OF NON-STOP LAUGHTER Directed by Allan Davis CC 379 6433. Group sales 01-930 6123 OVER 5,500 FANTASTIC PERFS.

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GREENWICH THEATRE 01-858 7755. Evenings at 7.45, mats Sat 2.30 (Tomor 2 at 7.0). SHEILA GISH & JONATHAN KENT in Arthur Schnitzler's INTERMEZZO. Directed by Christopher Fettes.

HAMPSTEAD THEATRE 722 9301. Tues-Sat 8.15. No Perf Good Fri/Easter Mon. Susan Wooldridge, Marjorie Yates in 'NIGHT, MOTHER by Marsha Norman. "A well nigh perfect piece of work" D. Tel "A remarkable play, profound & moving, splendid performance" T Out. LAST TWO WEEKS.

HAYMARKET THEATRE ROYAL 930 9832 Group Sales 930 6123 MAGGIE SMITH JOAN PLOWRIGHT & MICHAEL JAYSTON in THE CHICHESTER FESTIVAL THEATRE PRODUCTION OF THE WAY OF THE WORLD Directed by William Gaskill "Maggie Smith returns to our stage in glory." F Times "The most outstanding achievement was that of Joan Plowright." Std: "William Gaskill's superb production." Punch. Eves 7.30. Mats Wed 2.30. Sat 3.0 MAGGIE SMITH ACTRESS OF THE YEAR STANDARD DRAMA AWARD LAST 2 WEEKS

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[illegible] GUYS AND DOLLS [illegible]

[illegible] CHARLTON HESTON and BEN CROSS in HERMAN WOUK'S THE CAINE MUTINY COURT-MARTIAL [illegible]

[illegible] RAZZLE DAZZLE BURLESQUE SHOW [illegible]

ROYAL COURT S CC 730 1745. TOM AND VIV by Michael Hastings "Must not be missed" D. Tele "Brilliant" Obs. Evis 8pm. Sat Mats 4pm. Closed Good Friday and Easter Monday.

STRATFORD-UPON-AVON Royal Shakespeare Theatre (0789) 295623. ROYAL SHAKESPEARE COMPANY. Exciting new Stratford Season. all this week THE MERRY WIVES OF WINDSOR Red. price previews tonight, tomor 7.30, Wed 7.00. Normal price Thurs. Fri 7.30, Sat 1.30, 7.30. AS YOU LIKE IT opens April 11. For special meal/theatre deals and hotel stopover ring 0789 67262.

SAVOY. Box Office 01-836 8888 Credit Cards 01-379 6219/836 0479 Evgs 7.45, Wed 3.00. Sat 5.00 & 8.30. 4th YEAR OF THE AWARD WINNING COMEDY HIT MICHAEL MEDWIN JOSEPHINE TEWSON HUGH PADDICK ROLAND CURRAM DELYS WATLING PHILIP BIRD NOISES OFF MICHAEL FRAYN'S COMEDY IS THE FUNNIEST PLAY I HAVE EVER SEE IN THE WEST-END" Times Directed by MICHAEL BLAKEMORE

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ST MARTIN'S. 836 1443. Special CC No 01-379 6433. (Eves inc Good Friday) 8.00. Tues 2.45. Sat 5.00 & 8.00. AGATHA CHRISTIE'S THE MOUSETRAP 33rd YEAR SORRY: No reduced prices from any source but seats bookable from £5.50.

STRAND WC2 01-836 2660/4143/5190. Mon-Fri Evgs 8.00. Mats. Wed. 2.30 Sats 5.30 & 8.30 RICHARD BRIERS "TIMING EVERY LAUGH-LINE WITH THE BLISSFUL BRILLIANCE OF A MASTER" Mail On Sunday DIANE FLETCHER POLLY HEMINGWAY WHY ME? "STANLEY PRICE'S GOOD COMEDY – A BRIGHT, ALERT, DEFTLY-OBSERVANT PLAY." Gdn. with LIZ SMITH Dir. by ROBERT CHETWYN "AN EVENING OF SOLID ENTERTAINMENT" Whats on

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VAUDEVILLE 01-836 9987/836 5645 Eves 7.45. Wed 2.30. Sat 5.0, 8.30. WINNER OF ALL 3 MAJOR AWARDS BEST PLAY OF THE YEAR Standard Drama Award Laurence Olivier Award Plays & Players London Critics Award POLLY ADAMS CLIVE FRANCIS JAN WATERS GLYN GRAIN MICHAEL FRAYN'S NEW PLAY BENEFACTORS Directed by MICHAEL BLAKEMORE

VICTORIA PALACE 01-834 1317. Credit card bookings. 01 828 4735 Evgs 7.30. Mats Wed & Saturdays 2.45 MICHAEL CRAWFORD in BARNUM THE CIRCUS MUSICAL NOW BOOKING TO JULY 6. BOX OFFICE OPEN TOMORROW MONDAY – SATURDAY

WESTMINSTER TH 01-834 0283/4 From 25 April Ian Cullen as 'Paul of Tarsus' Frank Gatliff Richard Reed MAN OF TWO WORLDS by Daniel Pearce

WYNDHAM'S S 836 3028 CC 379 6565/379 6433/741 9999. Grps 930 6123/836 3962. Eves 8.0. Wed Mat 3.0. Sat 5.0 & 8.15. No Perf Good Friday. "A VERY FUNNY SHOW" Obs SUE TOWNSEND'S THE SECRET DIARY OF ADRIAN MOLE AGED 13¾ Music & Lyrics by KEN HOWARD & ALAN BLAIKLEY "LIVELY SPARKISH HUMOUR" Gdn "ACUTE AND FUNNY" Std

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CINEMAS

ACADEMY 1. 437 2981. Losey's film of Mozart's DON GIOVANNI (PG) at 1.15 (not Sun), 4.20, 7.35. ACADEMY 2. 437 5129. Olivier's RICHARD III (U). Film at 2.00 (not Sun) 5.00, 8.00. ACADEMY 3. 437 8819. Marcel Carne's LES ENFANTS DU PARADIS (PG). 4.10, 7.30.

BARBICAN CINEMA 01-628 8795. Student reducts at all perfs. Terry Gilliam's BRAZIL (15). 6.00, 8.30. In Dolby Stereo. Tickets Bookable.

CAMDEN PLAZA 485 2443 (opp. Camden Town Tube) Yosseliani's FAVOURITE OF THE MOON (15). Film at 2.05, 4.15, 6.30, 8.50.

CHELSEA CINEMA 351 3742 Kings Road (Nearest Tube Sloane Sq). Yosseliani's FAVOURITES OF THE MOON (15). Film at 2.05, 4.15, 6.30, 8.50. Advance Booking Last Perf only.

CURZON WEST END, Shaftesbury Ave. W1. 01-439 4805. Vanessa Redgrave, "A superb performance" S Tel, Judi Dench, Ian Holm in David Hare's WETHERBY (15). "a fascinating and provocative mystery" S Exp. Film at 2.00 (not Sun) 4.10, 6.20, 8.40. Seats at £4 bookable in advance for 8.40 perf daily, also 6.20 perf. Sat and Sun.

CURZON MAYFAIR, Curzon St, W1. 499 3737. James Mason, Edward Fox in THE SHOOTING PARTY (15). "Superb" S. Exp. "A brilliant film" BBC. Film at 2.00 (not Sun) 4.10, 6.20 & 8.40.

GATE BLOOMSBURY 1 & 2 837 8402/1177. Russell Sq. Tube. 1: A PRIVATE FUNCTION (15). 3.45, 5.30, 7.15, 9.00. 2: BRAZIL (15) 3.10, 5.50, 8.30.

LEICESTER SQUARE THEATRE 930 5252 (ENQ)/839 1759 (24 hr Access/Visa bookings). SCREAM FOR HELP (18) Sep progs 1.30, 3.55, 6.20, 8.50. Advance booking for 6.20, 8.50 perfs.

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ODEON LEICESTER SQUARE (930 6111) Info 930 4250/4259. NOT QUITE JERUSALEM (15) Sep progs. Doors open Daily 1.00, 4.15, 7.45. Advance Booking for 7.45 Perf. Access and Visa phone bookings welcome. Credit Hot Line 839 1929, 24 hour service. £2.00 seats Monday all Perfs.

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SCREEN AT THE ELECTRIC 229 3694 (191 Portobello Rd, Nottinghill/Ladbroke Grove Tubes). 4 Oscar nominations. Mel Gibson, Sissy Spacek THE RIVER (15) 3.50, 6.35, 9.0

SCREEN ON THE HILL (opp Belsize Park Tube). 435 3366/9787. Rupert Everett, Miranda Richardson. Last Weeks "DANCE WITH A STRANGER" (15). 2.30, 4.35, 7.00, 9.00 Fri/Sat 11.15 Lic bar. Seats bookable in advance.

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Triumph of compromise secures EEC budget

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of negotiations: "We have done what we came to do."

Agreement with Greece means that the Greek Prime Minister, Mr Andreas Papandreou, can claim to have been given an extra £1,200 million. At the same time, Mrs Thatcher is able to say that it will cost Britain only £10 million annually for seven years.

In exchange for this relatively modest sum, the Community has been able to achieve its long-standing political ambition of bringing into membership two democracies

If all goes as it should the EEC will have 12 members from January 1, and Spain will urge its people to vote to stay in Nato in a referendum.

"It will be good for democracy to have an area of stability in Europe", Mrs Thatcher said.

The agreed package of IMPs (Intergrated Mediterranean Programmes) includes only £960 million of new money: most of it for Greece. Athens will also share, with Italy and France, a further £1,500 million which will flow into regional, social and agriculture development now that Community income can be increased.

The only real cloud was the unenthusiastic response to the report on institutional reform.

It contains many passages Britain likes, on improving the internal market, security, and competitivity. But others contain ideas about majority voting and increasing the European Parliament's powers which Britain will have to fight at the next European summit in Milan in June.

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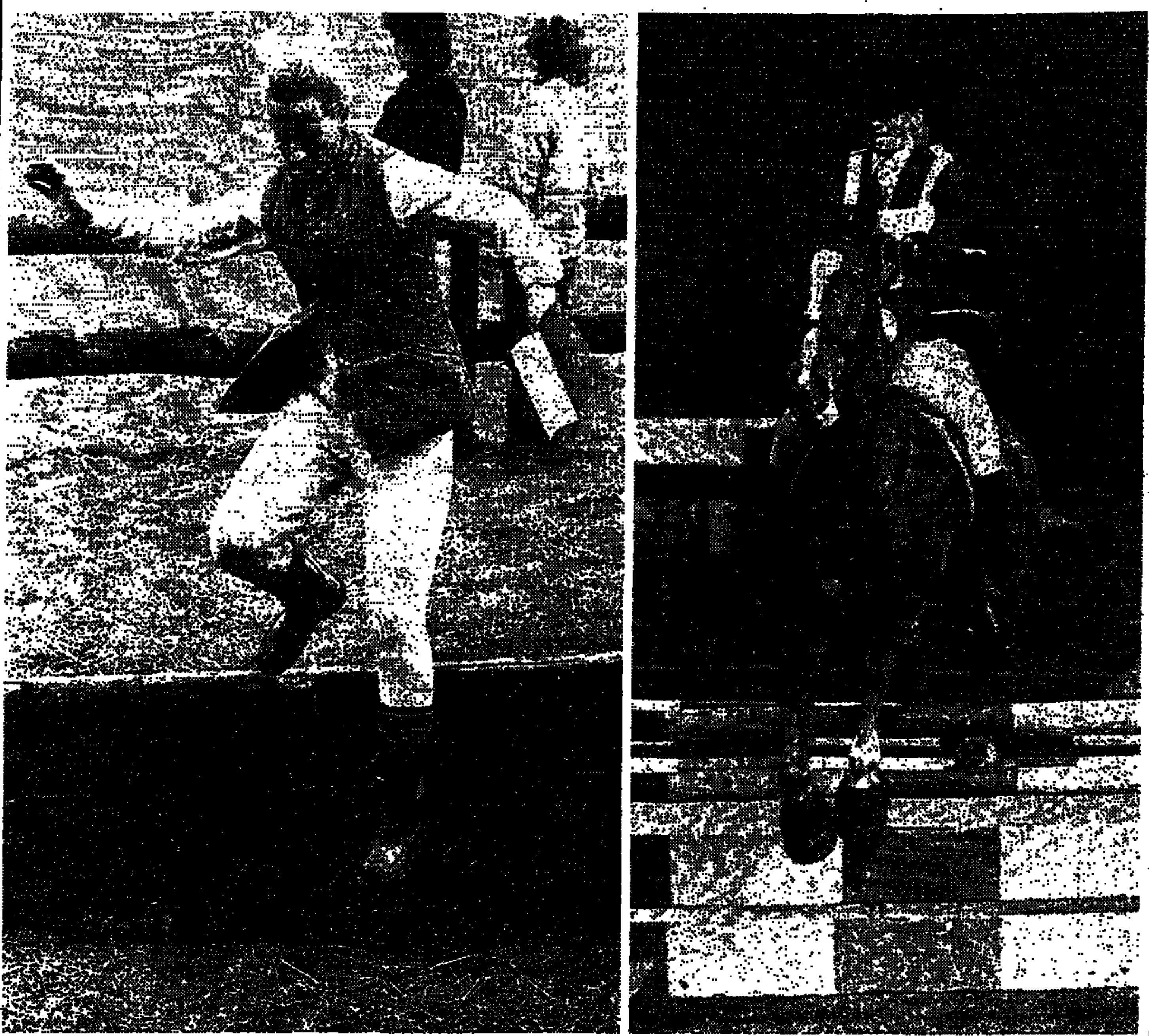
Princess shows no loss of nerve



By Patricia Clough

Showing no loss of nerve after her two dramatic falls from her horse three weeks ago, Princess Michael of Kent tied eighth at the novice horse trials of Codford St Mary, near Warminster, yesterday.

The princess had a clear round in the show-jumping event and a passable 33 penalties in the dressage. She also had a clear round in the cross-country event but her chestnut mount, Benny's Gold, became tired negotiating obstacles such as Odette's Bounce and Founds Folly and lost her 18 time points.

She entered two events on her second horse, Sprite II, but later withdrew. The princess is seen above (left) walking the course, and then competing (Photographs: Julian Herbert).

Two dead, two lost, after hovercraft ripped open

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peed and one of the biggest in the world was carrying 370 passengers and a crew of 18 from Calais when a strong gust of wind crashed her against the harbour breakwater ripping a 30ft hole in her side.

Conditions in the Channel were bad with high waves hampering the hovercraft's approach and winds of force six gusting to force seven.

It was Britain's worst hovercraft accident since five people died when the SRN-6 capsized in the Solent 13 years ago.

The Princess Margaret was involved in a similar accident in January 1981 when it was badly damaged in a collision with the breakwater at Dover and in 1968 a freak wave tore a hole in the starboard side just outside Dover.

A spokesman from Hoverspeed said that it was the first serious accident involving passengers in 17 years of cross-channel operations. "During this period hovercraft have carried nearly 25 million passengers between England and France", he said.

By yesterday afternoon hovercraft services from Dover were almost back to normal after the Princess Margaret was moved up on the the landing pad.

Call for package of rate reforms before summer

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rates to central government, long favoured by some influential ministers, is under consideration.

The attendance at yesterday's meeting was far larger than had earlier been expectedl In addition to Mrs Thatcher, Mr Jenkin, Mr Baker and Mr Waldegrave, there were Mr George Younger, the Secretary of State for Scotland, on of the keenest advocates of reform because of the furore in Scotland, Mr Nicholas Edwards the Secretary of State for Wales, Lord Whitelaw, the leader of the House of Lords and deputy prime minister, Mr Peter Rees, Chief Secretary to the Treasury, Lord Young, Minister without Portfolio and the Cabinet's chief job-creator, Mr John Gummer, the Tory party chairman, and another Scottish Office minister, Mr Michael Ancram.

The Prime Minister was said to have welcomed progress at yesterday's meeting, although it is accep)ted that the achievement of a sloution that has cluded her in the past could prove a long haul.

If they decided on a poll tax ministers know that they would face considerable political opposition, and possible voter unpopularity.

Village voice

Righteous cause bedevilled by divided loyalties

In his column from a poor Ganges village in the shadow of the Himalayas VICTOR ZORZA, the distinguished journalist, writes about the joys and sorrows of Indian village life. Here he relates the struggle of a militant woman leader to make her presence felt in a male dominated society.

The women were at first reluctant to join the village's struggle for land. The fighting could lead to bloodshed. They feared for their menfolk. But one woman, bolder than most of the men, changed all that.

Rikeshwari was different, because she married an outsider and had lived in villages where people had fought for their rights and prevailed. She went from hut to hut, cajoling and exhorting. She took the women to the fields and showed them the plots that would be theirs when the village won. The party organiser, Bhagwant, made her leader of the women's fighting group.

She led the women in the clashes with the police. When the fighting grew fierce, she held them back: if they too were injured, who would do the work and look after the children?

The village did win, but when the land was distributed some of the poorest villagers got the poorest fields. The more fertile plots went to some of the better-off. Rikeshwari protested. The party was not living up to the promises she had made on its behalf.

Rikeshwari was out of her depth, in great anguish, torn between loyalty to the party that had made her a leader and her own sense of fairness.

The party knew what it was doing. Its ultimate aim, it said, was to overthrow the landlord-capitalist ruling clique by revolution. But to succeed, it had to win allies among the not-so-poor. Rikeshwari had not absorbed the party's teaching, or its jargon, didn't believe in "the alliance of poor and middle peasants" – and again went from hut to hut, denounce the new injustice.

Once again some of the women – and even men – followed her lead, but Bhagwant, the party organiser, fought back. She had become a traitor to the cause. Her family was ostracised. But the villagers were beginning to ask questions.

There had been too many casualties in the clashes with the police, too many arrests, too much time diverted from urgent fieldwork.

Little help from authorities

The village was breaking up into factions. The party men were dropping dark hints about enemy agents who had infiltrated the community.

I knew little of this when I arrived, but my friend the milkman gradually enlightened me. Other villagers, on both sides, took me into their confidence. Rikeshwari told me of her distress. Only now did I understand why the party had denounced me as a government spy when I had first appeared in the village.

The villagers who were willing to make peace got little help from the authorities. The District Magistrate ultimately admitted that the village might have a claim on the landlord's fields, but nothing came of it. He allocated some of the disputed land to the landless poor from a neighbouring community and some to a police unit which established itself just outside the village.

"Now the'll always be on our back," the party's followers said, "harassing, arresting, demanding bribes." The landlord had the money "to buy up the Government." The police had beaten them senseless whenever they were arrested. Without the party's protection it would do so again and again, "forever." The party must stay.

Promise of land to grow food

Even those who agreed with Rikeshwari had reservations about abandoning the party. Without its support, they might have to give back the rest of the land they had taken from the landlord. They were being dragged through the courts, endlessly, for assaulting the police. Only the party had the financial and legal resources to help them.

more follows

The village felt it had become a shuttlecock between a corrupt administration which would never give it justice and a political machine which, some villagers argued, was using their suffering for its own ends. They had seen through the party from the start, they claimed. They had gone along with it only because it had promised them land to grow the food they needed.

The party, they said, wanted to build a "revolutionary base" in the mountains. It was using them as a stepping stone, because they still had close links with the mountains from which they had come. There was nothing wrong with that, others maintained. It was the only way for the poor to gain the right to a decent life.

The party's counter-offensive was spearheaded by Rana. He had returned from prison, minus the spectacles he had lost during the clash with the police, a more determined revolutionary than ever. He too went from hut to hut, just as Rikeshwari had done, just as sincere and impassioned, reminding the villagers of all the injustice they had suffered. The struggle must go on. They would prevail. The party would protect them.

"We'll never win against the Government," the villagers said, "but without the party we'll be crushed." The dilemma seemed insoluble. They were caught – as they always had been – between forces they could only dimly apprehend.

Or were they?

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Today's events

Royal engagements

The Duke of Edinburgh attends a Gala Charity Performance of *Turandot* being held jointly by the Rotary Club of Windsor St George and the Windsor and Eton Operatic Society at the Farrer Theatre, Eton College, Berkshire, 7.35.

Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips, President of the Chartered Institute of Transport, attends the Phillip Henman Overseas Lecture at the Institute of Civil Engineers, London, arrives 5.40.

New exhibitions

Works by MacLaurin award winners 1977-84: Rozelle House, Rozelle Park, Ayr: Mon to Sat 11 to 5, Sun 2 to 5 (Apr to Oct only) (ends Apr 21).

Selected works from the local collection: Rozelle House, Rozelle Park, Ayr; Mon to Sat 11 to 5, Sun 2 to 5 (only Apr to Oct) (ends Apr 22).

Classical Greek Pottery: Towneley Hall Art Gallery and Museum, Towneley Park, **Burnley**, Lancashire, Mon to Fri 10 to 5.30, Sun 12 to 5 and closed Sat (ends Sept 29).

Exhibitions in progress

Beauty from the Colour Box, Part 1: Eighteenth and early nineteenth century watercolours: Gallery 16, City Museum and Art Gallery, Chamberlain Square, **Birmingham**; Mon to Sat 10 to 5 and Sun 2 to 5 (ends May 27).

Present Recollections, by John Hannavy, Impressions Gallery of Photography, 17 Colliergate, **York**, Tues to Sat 10 to 6, Closed Sun and Mon (ends 6th April '85).

Wood Engraver and Designer, Renolds Stone, National Library of Scotland, George IV Bridge, **Edinburgh**, Mon to Fri 9.30 to 5, Sat 9.30 to 1, Closed Sun (ends April 19).

National Costumes of the South East Balkans: Collected by Diane Waller: The Gallery, Brighton Polytechnic, Grand Parade, **Brighton**; Mon to Fri 9 to 5 closed Sat and Sun (ends Apr 3).

A closer look at wood: Royal Albert Memorial Museum, Queen Street, **Exeter**: Tues to Sat 10 to 5.30 and closed Sun and Mon (ends Apr 13).

Roger Hilton – The Early Years: and work by Therese Oulton: 2 Exhibitions: The Museum of Modern Arts, 30 Pembroke Street, **Oxford**: Tues to Sat 10 to 5 Sun 2 to 5 and closed Mon (ends Apr 7).

Equestrian Exhibition: Swan Gallery, High Street, **Burford**, Oxon; Mon to Sat 9.30 to 5.30 and close Sun. (ends Apr 6).

Swindon this is Swindon: Jolliffe Studio, Wyvern Theatre, Theatre Square, **Swindon**; Mon to Fri 9.30 to 9.30 closed Sat and Sun: (ends Apr 5).

Fine Furniture in wood by Chris Holmes: Crawford Centre for the Arts, University of **St Andrews**; Mon to Sat 10 to 5 and Sun 2 to 5. (ends Apr 21).

Fish, Ribs and other Watercolours by Elizabeth Hartley; Walsall Museum and Art Gallery, Central Library, Lichfield Street, **Walsall**; Mon to Fri 10 to 6; Sat 10 to 4.45 and closed Sun. (ends Apr 20).

Last chance to see

Cartoons by W. Heath Robinson; Towneley Hall Art Gallery and Museum, Towneley Park, **Burnley**; Mon to Fri 10 to 5.15, Sun 12 to 5 and closed Sat (ends Apr 1).

Music

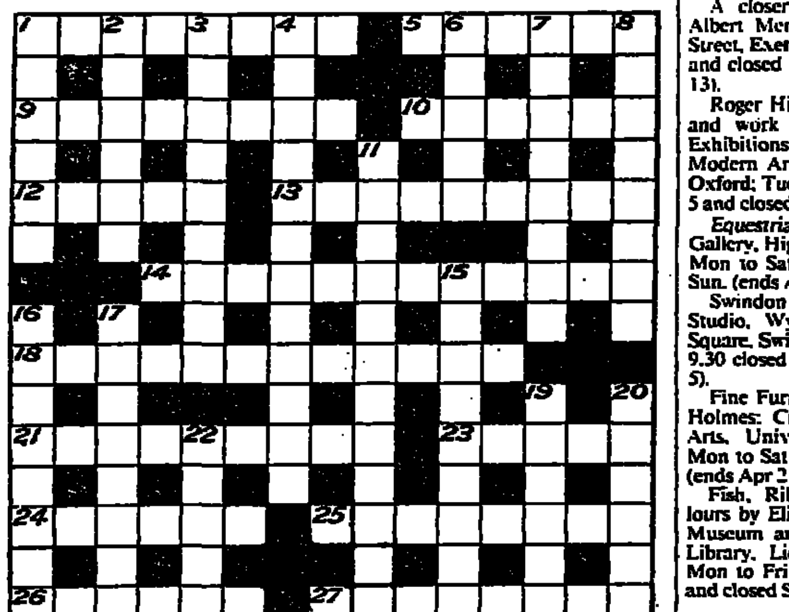
Organ recital by Martin Ellis, Trinity Methodist Church, Lowestoft, 7.30.

Organ recital by Tim Hone, Coventry Cathedral, 1.

Concert by the Rasoumovsky Quartet, The King's School, Ottery St Mary, 7.30.

Concert by the London Early Music Group, Upper Hall, Congregational Centre, Castlegate, Nottingham, 7.30.

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 16,700



ACROSS

1 Use key to unlock secret passage (8).
5 Cut out to cheat (6).
9 Dull part of the class – very solid (8).
10 Plant for pet to bite (6).
12 Friends, the stupid fellow's gone soft (5).
13 Put a gloss on title the Spanish were the first to hold (9).
14 One who appears, in opera, to control the diva (12).
18 Arriving thus unexpectedly, owing to fine weather (3, 2, 3, 4).
21 No charge for bingo in this pub (4, 5).
23 Maiden appears in ancient, idealised picture (5).
24 It sounds natural for Walpole to make him follow Mr Perrin (6).
25 Made up words, as Babel did when confounded (2-6).
26 Manufacturer of solid-state coolers (6).
27 A Red Indian (he could turn into a red pepper!) (8).

DOWN

1 Separate from the cad (6).
2 Rowing boat said to be for sale in the Levant (6).
3 Simple standard made from kepi on a pole (9).
4 This is no time for a morning tea-break – it's very late (8, 4).
6 Utter bliss without end (5).
7 Chinese study shows long love is unusual, and says why (8).
8 No call for oaths in such inscriptions, said Johnson (8).
11 Broadway's rating of musical is very thin indeed (5, 7).
15 *Lack of point in a public service, perhaps* (9).
16 Bits of paper left behind after a union celebration (8).
17 Guidance here on the cheapest way to travel (8).
19 Grilled piece of meat without ado in charcoal (6).
20 One old-fashioned simpleton (6).
22 Express surprise at ring of light round lake (5).

The Solution of Saturday's Prize Puzzle No 16,699 will appear next Saturday

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Nature notes

The wild geese are leaving for the far North. They fly swiftly, in V-shapes or long skeins, with loud honking and ringing cries.

Pink-footed geese are leaving the potato fields of the east coast and heading for Iceland: White-fronted geese are leaving the Severn estuary and the Irish bogs, and aiming for the Arctic.

Stray flocks are heard at night almost anywhere in Britain. Migrant Grey-lag geese are also on the move; but in the Hebrides, the resident birds are staking out their territories on the moors and on small islands in the lochs. Most pairs remain mated for life.

New spring migrants include chiff-chaffs in the woods and white wagtails making their way towards Iceland up the Welsh coast.

Early blackbirds, song-thrushes and hedge-sparrows are all sitting on eggs. Pairs of mallard are poking about under hedges and bushes choosing a nest-site.

Queen bumble-bees are out and about, feeding on the new garden flowers. They were fertilized last summer, and will soon be building nests where they will lay their eggs in waxen cells. Hoverflies are gathering nectar and basking in the sun. DJM

Anniversaries

Births: William Harvey, physician and discoverer of the circulation of the blood, Folkestone, 1578; Sir Truby King, pioneer of mothercraft, New Plymouth, New Zealand, 1858; Ferrucio Busoni, musician, Empoli, Italy, 1866.

Bond winners

Winning numbers in the weekly draw for Premium Bond prizes are: £100,000 14WP 377084 (Winner lives in Gateshead). £50,000, 12YT 250542 (West Sussex). £25,000 10VS 446769 (Dorset).

The pound

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	1.84	1.75
Austria Sch	27.30	26.40
Belgium Fr	79.30	75.80
Canada $	1.75	1.67
Denmark Kr	14.20	13.80
Finland Mkk	8.30	7.90
France Fr	12.05	11.50
Germany DM	3.94	3.76
Greece Dr	179.80	167.00
Hong Kong $	10.09	9.45
Ireland Pt	1.273	1.213
Italy Lira	2525.00	2405.00
Japan Yen	325.00	309.00
Netherlands Gld	4.465	4.245
Norway Kr	11.46	10.98
Portugal Esc	221.00	209.00
South Africa Rd	2.75	2.35
Spain Pta	216.00	205.00
Sweden Kr	11.45	10.95
Switzerland Fr	3.35	3.19
USA $	1.295	1.235
Yugoslavia Dnr	286.00	278.00

Retail Price Index: 352.7.

London: The *FT* index closed down 13.8 on Friday at 964.3.

New York: The Dow Jones industrial average closed up 6.07 on Friday at 1266.78.

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Plea to bathers

The Advisory Committee on Beach Life Saving for Devon and Cornwall and the Surf Life Saving Association of Great Britain have launched a publicity drive aimed at combating the ignorance of many seaside holidaymakers.

A warning to windsurfers to take care is part of a campaign by lifesavers to keep down the number of drownings off the South-west coast.

Nearly 150 people, mostly visitors, have been swept to their deaths off Devon and Cornwall in the past 13 years.

The peak years for drownings were 1979 and 1980, coinciding with a tourist boom in the region.

Roads

Scotland: M74 between junction 4 and 3 near Hamilton, Strathclyde. Carriageway repairs. Contraflow. Ross and Cromarty. A87 west of Cluanie. Roadworks, temporary lights. Perthshire A85 at western boundary of Perth. Construction work. Two sets of temporary lights. Delays.

The North: A 534 (Cheshire) major resurfacing works in Haslington east of Crewe temporary traffic lights in use with delayed. A616 major roadworks from Deepcar to Langsett through Stockbridge temporary traffic lights. Delays. M621 between Gildersome and Beeston, south west of Leeds, west Yorkshire: contraflow on northbound carriageway for resurfacing.

Midlands: M1 betwen junction 18 (Rugby) and 16 (Northampton) a contraflow operating also, the southbound entry slip road at junction 18 closed. M45 closed eastbound due to roadworks from junction 17 of the M1 near Rugby. A11 (Norfolk) delays along Attleborough by pass with single lane traffic and temporary traffic lights.

London and South-east: A406 North Circular Road. Repairs to the Lea Valley viaduct only one lane open in each direction. Delays.

A233, Westerham Road, Keston. Temporary lights in use between Heathfield Road and Rectory Road. A229, Blue Bell Hill by pass, Kent. Construction work. One lane only southbound. Diversion northbound for drivers heading towards junction 3 of the M2.

Wales and the West: M5 between junction 8 and 9 (Tewkesbury) lane closures on the northbound carriageway. M5 between junction 16 and 17 (Bristol) contraflow system in use on the northbound carriageway. No exit at junction 17 and no entry at junction 16. A361 (Devon) resurfacing work between Barnstaple and Bampton. Temp traffic lights operating at Old Convent.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Timetable motion on Transport Bill. Birmingham City Council Bill, second reading.

Lords (2.30): Insolvency Bill, report, first day.

Portfolio

Portfolio—how to play—

Monday—Saturday record your daily Portfolio total.

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If your total matches the published weekly dividend figure you have won outright or a share of the prize money stated for that week, and must claim your prize as instructed below.

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Weather forecast

A developing depression to the SW of Britain will bring cloudy windy weather to most districts as it moves quickly NE.

6am to midnight

London, SE, E, Central N England, E W Midlands: Cloudy with outbreaks of rain, but some bright intervals. Wind southwest strong locally gale. Rather warm. Max 14C (57F).

Central S, SW NW England, Channel Island S, N Wales: Cloudy, outbreaks of rain, brighter and drier later. Wind southwest strong to gale veering northwest moderate. Max 13C (55F).

Lake District, NE England, Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen, Glasgow, Central Highlands: Cloudy, outbreaks of rain, heavy at times. Wind mainly south-westerly moderate. Temps a little above normal. Max 12C (54F).

Isle of Man, SW Scotland, Argyll, N Ireland: Cloudy, rain clearing from the west later. Wind south-west veering north-west moderate. Temps a little above normal. Max 11C (52F).

Moray Firth, NE; NW Scotland, Orkney, Shetland: Mainly cloudy with outbreaks of rain. Wind easterly moderate. Near normal temperatures. Max 9C (48F).

Outlook for Tuesday and Wednesday: Unsettled, with rain at times, but also bright intervals and showers, some heavy.

S. North Sea, Straits of Dover, English Channel (E): Wind SW strong to gale, perhaps severe gale 9 at times. Occasional rain or drizzle. Visibility moderate with fog patches. Sea rough becoming very rough. **St. George's Channel, Irish Sea:** Wind southerly veering SW strong to gale, perhaps severe gale locally for a time. Occasional rain. Visibility moderate with fog patches. Sea rough or very rough.

Sun rises: 6.36 am
Sun sets: 7.34 pm
Moon rises: 1.55 pm
Moon sets: 5.29 pm
Full Moon: April 5.

Lighting-up time

London 8.4 pm to 6.4 am
Bristol 8.13 pm to 6.14 am
Edinburgh 8.21 pm to 6.11 am
Manchester 8.14 pm to 6.10 am
Penzance 8.24 pm to 6.27 am

Yesterday

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

		C	F			C	F
Belfast	r	11	52	Guernsey	f	11	52
Birmingham	s	13	55	Inverness	f	9	48
Blackpool	f	11	52	Jersey	s	12	54
Bristol	s	13	55	London	f	14	57
Cardiff	s	13	55	Manchester	f	13	55
Edinburgh	r	8	46	Newcastle	c	13	55
Glasgow	r	8	46	Ronaldsway	c	9	48

London

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 16C (61F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 9C (48F). Humidity: 6 pm, 56 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, trace. Sun: 24hr to 6 pm, 6.4hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1,008.7 millibars rising.

Saturday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 11C (52F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 8C (46F). Humidity: 6 pm, 84 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.03in. Sun: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.1hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 999.7 millibars rising.

1,000 millibars = 29.53in.

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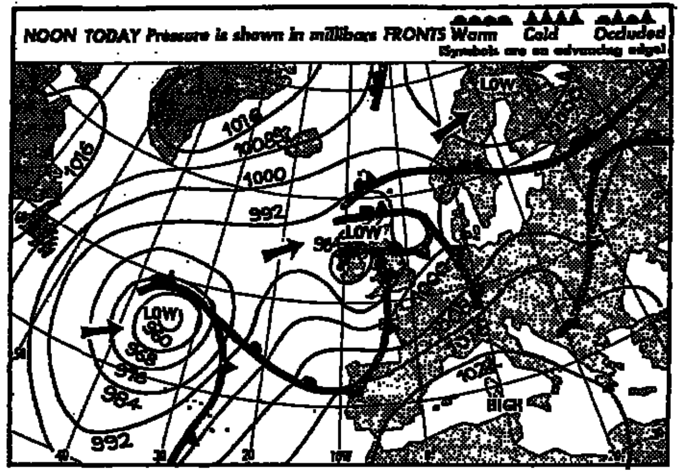
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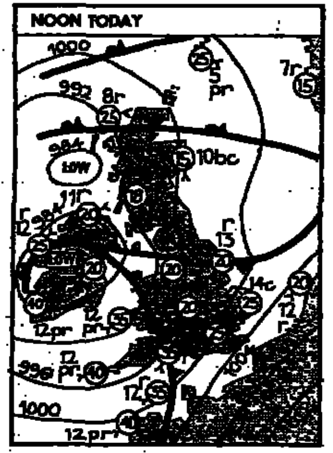

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High tides

TODAY

	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	10.45	5.5	11.24	5.5
Aberdeen	10.43	3.3	11.38	3.5
Avonmouth	3.39	9.5	4.36	9.9
Belfast	8.21	2.8	9.8	2.7
Cardiff	3.24	8.9	4.21	9.3
Devonport	2.11	4.3	3.7	4.2
Dover	8.27	5.0	9.4	5.3
Falmouth	1.41	4.1	2.37	4.0
Glasgow	9.19	3.8	11.17	3.8
Harwich	9.6	3.5	9.42	3.3
Holyhead	7.53	4.4	8.35	4.5
Hull	3.34	5.7	3.58	5.7
Ilfracombe	2.59	6.7	3.53	7.0
Leith	-	-	12.14	4.3
Liverpool	8.33	7.3	9.16	7.6
Lowestoft	6.46	1.9	6.39	2.0
Margate	9.15	3.8	9.46	3.9
Milford Haven	3.18	5.1	4.7	5.3
Newquay	2.15	5.3	3.4	5.4
Oban	3.45	3.0	4.32	3.0
Penzance	1.26	4.3	2.18	4.2
Portland	3.23	1.4	4.40	1.4
Portsmouth	8.38	3.6	9.26	3.9
Shoreham	8.30	4.8	9.14	5.2
Southampton	8.20	3.6	9.11	3.8
Swansea	3.18	7.1	4.4	7.3
Tees	12.58	4.1	1.21	4.3
Walton-on-Naze	8.58	3.2	9.33	3.2

Tide measurement in metres: 1m=3.2808ft.

Around Britain

	Sun hr	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
EAST COAST					
Scarboro	7.2	-	14	57	Sunny
Bridlington	7.9	-	15	59	Sunny
Cromer	•	.06	15	59	Bright
Lowestoft	7.5	-	16	61	Sunny
Clacton	6.1	-	15	59	Sunny
Margate	•	.15	16	61	Sunny am
SOUTH COAST					
Folkestone	6.0	.31	13	55	Sunny
Hastings	5.3	.13	11	52	Bright
Eastbourne	5.9	.38	12	54	Sunny
Brighton	•	.33	10	50	Bright am
Worthing	5.2	.23	11	52	Sunny am
Littlehmptn	•				
Bognor R	6.8	.07	11	52	Sunny am
Southsea	6.1	.02	12	54	Sunny am
Sandown	7.2	.07	12	54	Sunny
Shanklin	•				
Bournemth	–	-	12	54	Sunny am
Poole	5.2	-	14	57	Bright am
Swanage	5.4	-	12	54	Cloudy pm
Weymouth	4.8	-	11	52	Sunny am
Exmouth	3.7	-	13	55	Bright am

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
WEST COAST					
Ilfracombe	4.3	-	13	55	Bright am
Tenby	4.8	-	11	52	Bright
Colwyn Bay	7.3	-	14	57	Sunny
Southport	6.3	-	13	55	Sunny
Morecambe	3.8	.01	12	54	Cloudy
Douglas	1.4	.01	10	50	Bright pm
ENGLAND AND WALES					
London (Ctrl)	6.4	-	16	61	Sunny am
B'ham (Airpt)	6.4	-	15	59	Sunny am
Bristol (Ctrl)	4.7	.10	14	57	Sunny am
Cardiff (Ctrl)	5.6	.09	13	55	Sunny am
Anglesey	4.1	-	11	52	Bright
B'pool (Airpt)	5.3	-	12	54	Bright
Manchester	8.1	-	15	59	Sunny
Nottingham	8.0	-	15	59	Sunny
N'ctl-n-Tyne	5.7	.06	13	55	Showers
Carlisle	2.6	.13	12	54	Rain
SCOTLAND					
Eskdalemuir	–	.61	7	45	Shwrs am
Prestwick	2.3	.24	11	52	Showers
NORTHERN IRELAND					
Belfast	1.6	.06	14	57	Bright pm

Abroad

MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow.

		C	F			C	F			C	F			C	F
Ajaccio	s	15	59	Cologne	r	11	52	Majorca	s	17	63	Rome	s	15	59
Akrotiri	f	20	68	Copenhagn	c	6	43	Malaga	s	19	66	Salzburg	s	20	68
Alexandria	c	18	64	Corfu	s	17	63	Malta	s	19	66	Sao Paulo			
Algiers	s	20	68	Dublin	f	13	55	Melbourne	f	30	86	S Francisco			
Amsterdam	f	10	50	Dubrovnik	s	16	61	Mexico C				Santiago			
Athens	f	16	61	Faro	s	12	63	Miami				Seoul	s	9	48
Bahrain	s	23	73	Florence	f	15	59	Milan	c	13	55	Singapore			
Barbados				Frankfurt	r	12	54	Montreal				Stockholm	f	3	37
Barcelona	s	16	61	Funchal	f	19	66	Moscow	c	3	37	Strasbourg	c	14	57
Beirut	f	23	73	Geneva	c	13	55	Munich	f	17	63	Sydney	s	25	77
Belgrade	s	20	68	Gibraltar	s	16	61	Nairobi				Tangier	c	18	64
Berlin	r	11	52	Helsinki	sn	−1	30	Naples	s	15	59	Tel Aviv			
Bermuda				Hong Kong	c	15	59	New Delhi	s	31	88	Tenerife	s	24	75
Biarritz	s	17	63	Innsbruck	s	18	64	New York				Tokyo	r	10	50
Bologna	fg	8	46	Istanbul	r	7	45	Nice	s	15	59	Toronto			
Bordeaux	s	17	63	Jiddah	s	33	91	Oslo	s	4	39	Tunis	s	17	63
Brussels	c	10	50	Jo'burg				Paris	c	13	55	Valencia	s	20	68
Budapest	s	17	63	Karachi	s	30	86	Peking	s	14	57	Vancouver			
Buen Aires				Las Palmas	s	22	72	Perth	f	23	73	Venice	s	12	54
Cairo	c	24	75	Lisbon	c	17	63	Prague	c	16	61	Vienna	f	16	61
Cape Tn	s	27	81	Locarno	f	13	55	Reykjavik	s	−2	28	Warsaw	f	15	59
C'blanca	s	24	75	L Angeles				Rhodes	s	16	61	Washington			
Chicago				Luxembg	r	8	46	Riyadh	s	30	86	Wellington*	s	11	52
Ch'church*	s	11	52	Madrid	s	18	64	Rio de Jan	c	27	81	Zurich	f	13	55

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